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A HISTORY OF ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND PHILANTHROPIST CHARLES ECKHART

THE EARLY YEARS (1906 - 1911)

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L517 HISTORY OF LIBRARIES

Auburn, Indiana could have had a Carnegie Library like the hundreds of other Carnegie libraries in Indiana, but for the beneficence of one man - Charles Eckhart. This paper traces the development of library service for the town of Auburn from the very beginning, due in most part to the philanthropic spirit of its citizens.

In John Martin Smith's Dekalb County, he gives the historical background for Indiana library service which sets the stage for philanthropists like Charles Eckhart. The 1816 Constitution of Indiana "provided for the establishment of a Country Library in each county."¹ 10% of property sales went towards a county library established in 1845 and probably housed in the courthouse. Then came township libraries as provided by the School Law of 1852. "Dekalb County had 6 libraries or 11 townships that were housed in that township's school and usually circulated from school to school."² At that time private library companies were authorized by the Indiana General Assembly. In Auburn in 1855, a group of men formed the Farmers and Mechanics Association of Auburn and the McClune Workingmen's institute for "the purpose of obtaining a library of useful books, to improve ourselves in reading, discussions, and lectures & to acquire useful & practical knowledge for that purpose."³

Before modern libraries came reading associations and reading rooms. A book rental service was established by Plymouth Libraries of Boston and Chicago (see Exhibit 1) "in the local

drugstore and the druggist, Mr. Staman, acted as librarian and received a commission for his efforts." 4

Other early movements were the creation of a reading room by a committee headed by Charles Eckhart in 1898 and a library provided by the women's Culture Club for its contributing members. But because no continuing financial support was mandated, these early efforts failed.

The Library Acts of 1901 and 1903 remedied this lack of support by allowing cities to establish and maintain a public library and to levy a tax annually to fund the library. (see Exhibit 2).

This paved the way for creation of Auburn's first library, a small reading room over a grocery store on E. 9th Street, rented from Mrs. J.L. Davis. It was not easily come by. Supt. of Schools, H.S. Hippensteel started the movement by educating community groups about the library acts and everyone approved, but nothing much was done until the Thursday Evening Club, a club composed mostly of women teachers, canvassed the town soliciting subscriptions, usually asking for \$1 per person and raised the \$307 sum required by law to start a library.

Feminization of the Auburn library perhaps started here. An article from the Auburn Courier found in Goodwin's library history scrapbook reaffirmed the important role of women in libraries. "It was agreed that the way to make things go in Auburn is to interest the ladies of the town. Therefore, Mr. Hippensteel went before various women's clubs...and asked each club to act as a joint committee in getting the movement

started."⁵ Likewise, John Martin Smith acknowledged, "The women of the community were largely responsible for establishing libraries and women have traditionally served as librarians."⁶

Attached is a list of subscribers and receipt form from the Thursday Evening Club solicitation list (see Exhibits 3 a,b,c) which total \$129 in contributions. "Both Charles Eckhart and son Frank Eckhart donated an extra \$100 apiece to meet the financial goal." (from "Formal Opening of the Public Library in Auburn" in Goodwin's scrapbook). Another article in the scrapbook, "Library Sure Thing", noted that "out of three hundred or more people solicited, only 8 refused to subscribe." So this was truly a community-backed endeavor at library service.

The next step was to call a meeting of the citizens, report on the subscription drive and proceed with the establishment of a library. Miss Merica Hoagland, State Librarian, was invited to speak and present arguments for the project. The Auburn Courier article, "Meeting at Court Room a Success. Resolution Adopted to Establish Library in Auburn", reported the highlights of her talk. Libraries should "supply not only periodicals, but magazines that deal with particular industries." "The library is the most powerful antidote to vice...It would be cheaper to support libraries than it is to build and support jails and reformatories. . . Children will have reading matter, and if left to themselves, they will find the Diamond Dick series and pamphlets of a like nature." Hoagland also stressed the library's mission to provide reference material for students and self-improvement books for workers. Hoagland stated that library

work is ideal for young women as the "work is pleasant and not taxing."⁷ She concluded by stressing the importance of library school training for librarians and stated, "A good librarian with even a small stock of books ... is better than a fine library with a poor librarian," a comment that was pretty innovative for that time period.⁸

At the public meeting it was resolved "that it is the sense of this meeting that a Public Library and Reading Room be established in Auburn under the library law of the state and that a citizen's committee of five be appointed by the chair to cooperate with him to take the necessary steps to secure the organization."⁹

Thus, the proper officials were notified to appoint a library board. By law, the Board would consist of 7 members: 3 appointed by the judge, 2 by the school board and 2 by city council and of the 7, 3 had to be women. The July 6, 1906 Auburn Courier reported in "More Members Named" the school board appointed Dr. F.M. Hines and Dr. Lida Leasure; the city council appointed Mrs. J.C. Baxter and Mrs. Charles M. Brown; and the judge appointed Charles Eckhart, Miss Grace Smith and H.E. Coe. Their names were filed July 3, 1906 with the county court. (See exhibit 4).

The first library board meeting minutes of July 6, 1906, report the election of officers as follows:

President: Charles Eckhart
 Vice-President: Dr. Lida Leasure
 Secretary: Miss Grace Smith ¹⁰

In the July 16, 1906 board meeting, the By-Laws were established (see exhibits 5 a-h) and the board began the process of finding a place, acquire books and hire a librarian. A room was secured as a home for the library on the second floor of Bassett Grocery on the south side of the courthouse square, rented from Mrs. Davis for \$5/month.¹¹ Mrs. Alicia Barnes was hired as librarian at a rate of \$4/week (See exhibit 6 for her picture). The ladies of the Culture Club had amassed a library of 300 books which they generously donated to the Auburn Library as the seed collection. Other community members donated books: Charles and Frank Eckhart both gave 100, Ashton Staman donated several as did others in smaller amounts. So, on March 8, 1907, when the Auburn Library formally opened, there were 600 volumes on the shelves. (See exhibit 7 for a photograph of the reading room).

It was interesting to note what were the first titles purchased for the library. The accession books in the library archives showed the first book acquired was Hawthorne's Twice-Told Tales, purchased from Mclurg Co. at a cost of 36 cents! (see exhibits 8 a-b). See exhibits 9 and 10 for a copy of the rules for the Public Library of Auburn and a sample library card.

The library opening was a "successful launching" with "Standing room at a premium" reports the March 8, 1907 article "Library Opening" in the Auburn Courier. It was truly a celebration of a community-wide effort by philanthropic individuals, women's clubs and organizations to provide a refined

and inviting place for the young and old reading public - the first Free Public Library in Dekalb County.

The principal speaker at the opening was Miss Lillian B. Arnold, Assistant State Librarian. It was interesting to note at the end of the article that Miss Arnold "will remain for a couple of days directing the cataloging and classification of books in the library." The Auburn librarian had no professional training when hired, but Mrs. Barnes did go to summer school for library training at the popular Winona Lake from July 18 to August 17, 1907.¹² Later, when a permanent library was established, a Miss Felsenthal, recent graduate of Indiana Library School, would come for 2 months for the salary of \$50/month to begin cataloging the library (from Board minutes June 5, 1911). This was an example of the temporary work professional librarians often did, when permanent positions weren't available.

It wasn't long before the board, the patrons and staff realized the inadequacy of their library and considered Andrew Carnegie as a possible benefactor of a permanent structure.

Actually, the earliest mention of Carnegie was in a Feb. 11, 1907 board minutes - before the library was even opened. "A formal discussion followed as to ... the advisability of appealing to Mr. Carnegie at this time for a building." The Nov. 29, 1907 board meeting met "to take action with regard to securing Mr. Carnegie's assistance in erecting a library building." Grace Smith, secretary was given the task of corresponding back and forth with Carnegie. (See exhibit 11 for a copy of her letter to Carnegie requesting a library.)

On the eve of the library's first anniversary, the newspaper article headline says it all - "In Need of Money - Library Board asks that all subscriptions be paid up."¹³ The library needed money to meet expenses and subscribers were late in payments. Charles Eckhart, on many occasions, made up the monthly deficit out of his own pocket as illustrated in board minutes of May 11, 1908. "Mr. Eckhart volunteered to deposit \$50 with the city treasurer to meet current bills, for which the Library Board is to reimburse him when the funds are received." On the first anniversary, the librarian reported that the library had grown to 970 books, 972 library card holders, and total circulation for the year was 11, 772. ¹⁴

An interesting note of the first year concerns the first evidence of censorship or restricting the collection as noted in Board Minutes of July 8, 1907. "We accept with thanks the books offered by Mr. Eckhart and that same be put in the library but not on public exhibition and the librarian be instructed not to give them to children except at the request and under the direction of the parent or guardian." The only other evidence of early censorship I discovered was a letter from the PTA to the librarian with a list of books and requesting a "list of books that should be eliminated from all public libraries in the interest of our young people of high school and college ages."¹⁵ It was surprising to find classics like Madame Bovary, Sons and Lovers, Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man on the list. (See exhibit 12 for the complete list).

"Negotiations with Carnegie continued until Feb. 1909 when a contract was closed with him."¹⁶ The Board Minutes of March 1, 1909 report the library was successful in enlisting a Carnegie grant for \$12,500 for a building provided that :

1. A suitable site be provided.
2. The Board shall...levy a tax sufficient to produce annually a sum not less than \$1250."¹⁷ (See exhibit 13)

The Auburn Courier on Feb. 22, 1909 reported that a site had been provided by the generous gift of Charles Eckhart, lots 25 and 26 on Jackson Street between 12th and 13th Streets. This freed the board to begin searching for the proper architectural design for the library. They visited several new libraries, of which the Linton, Indiana library was one. "This building made a very favorable impression on the committee and the conclusion was reached that the plan of the same library modified and enlarged would be suitable for Auburn."¹⁸ (See exhibits 14 a-c for a picture and history of the Linton Library.)

It was in the July 14, 1909 Board Meeting that Charles Eckhart expressed his intent to provide the library grounds and the building with furnishings. After visiting other sites and seeing what \$12,500 would buy, he was ambitious for a better library for Auburn. He wanted the best that money could buy for Auburn and requested that "Mr. Carnegie's contract be cancelled, if this might be done without giving offence to the library philanthropist."¹⁹ And Eckhart would furnish the money himself. His gift totalled \$40,000 which included land, building and equipment.

A letter was written to Carnegie declining his offer and thanking him for his dedication to libraries. (See exhibit 15). He wrote back a laudatory letter congratulating Eckhart and presenting copies of books he'd written as a "token of his regard for Auburn." (See exhibit 16).

The Board voted to name the library Eckhart Public Library in honor of its home town philanthropist during the Sept. 13, 1909 board meeting. The Auburn Courier reported the name change enthusiastically and also said the new building would be equipped with a vacuum cleaner!²⁰

Charles Eckhart made a formal offer of a \$25,000 grant, double Carnegie's, in the Feb. 1, 1910 Board minutes (see exhibit 17 a-c) and the Board accepted his offer. The Auburn Courier in an article "Something about the Building" stated that "there was no objection to Carnegie's gift." Some libraries in the past rejected Carnegie for political reasons or moral reasons because of his purported labor abuse record. But that wasn't the case here. "The Board chose to accept Mr. Eckhart's offer rather than Mr. Carnegie's simply because it was the better of the two and for the further sufficient reason that Eckhart desired to remember his home city in this substantial manner."²¹

A deed of land was transferred to the Library Board (see exhibit 18), actual moneys were transferred to the Public Library Board account from Eckhart's business accounts (see exhibit 19) - \$9000 from Eckhart Carriage Co. and \$11,000 from Auburn Automobile Co. and the work on the edifice began in earnest.

The Board turned over the construction to Charles Eckhart and he hired Patton and Miller, architects, to design the library and Perry Long as contractor. Exhibit 20 shows the architects rendering of the proposed library. "The library at Linton, IN had been chosen as a model when the Carnegie grant was being discussed, but Mr. Eckhart wanted a unique building... The design presented by the architects was Classic Chicago Prairie School Architecture which was being pioneered at that time by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright." ²²

Contractor Perry Long broke ground March 17, 1910 (as reported in the Auburn Courier article, "First Work Begun on Library Lot" and the cornerstone was laid May 19, 1910 (see exhibit 21). The occasion was marked with an official program, music by the Auburn City Band and High School Chorus, address by the Governor Thomas R. Marshall, and burial of a box containing many historical documents in the cornerstone. The Evening Dispatch, Cornerstone Edition of the Auburn Courier, list of seniors in the class of 1910 and the Library Board members were placed in the box by Albert Delapp, Auburn High School senior.²³ The Auburn Courier described the library as "a monument to the memory of Charles Eckhart and those who contributed their energies in the movement for the erection of the beneficent institution."²⁴

Charles Eckhart's philanthropic zeal continued with the gift of a park adjacent to the library. The Auburn Courier, Sept. 15, 1910 reported in the article, "Will Sell City Park to Charles Eckhart", that Charles bought the 2 lots, number 55 and 56, for

\$2000 from the city and deeded them to the Auburn Library Board on Oct. 3, 1910 (see exhibit 22 a & b).

Work continued on the building and Charles Eckhart spared no expense in securing the best materials. (See exhibit 23 for a photo of the library in progress with Perry Long and his workers.) John Martin Smith in his Dekalb County history states the "library is a masterpiece of architecture and construction. The exterior is faced with Bedford limestone and salt-glazed brick. The roof is green tile. The entrances to the first floor are of marble and mosaic tile. The north stairway is of iron. The first floor is trimmed in quarter sawed oak. The 2nd floor and baseboards are of red oak. Marble baseboards are used throughout... the windows are stained glass and of original design."²⁵

Finally the library was completed and dedicated in a memorable ceremony Jan. 20, 1911 in the M.E. Church that was filled to capacity. (See exhibit 24 for a picture of the completed library.)

Mr. Eckhart continued his generous gifts to the library with the purchase of an ornamental fountain, 19 feet high, built of cement and covered with ornamental steel. Water streams from the top basin and drops in a spray to lower basins. The cost (according to the Nov. 14, 1913 Board Minutes) was \$1824.91. (See exhibit 25 for a picture of the fountain.)

It should have been no surprise to the Library Board when Charles Eckhart endowed the library with an additional \$15,000 (as reported in the Auburn Courier, Sept. 17, 1914). He knew for

a long time that the tax levied by the city was not adequate to meet the operating expenses of such a large and growing institution. As was mentioned earlier, there were times when the library was short on money to pay necessary bills and Charles Eckhart paid them out of his private funds. The \$15,000 was in 5 1/2% bonds, the annual income (\$750) of which was to be used to defray library expenses.

Besides the library donation, Charles Eckhart and son Frank donated land for a city park, now called Eckhart Park, gifted the city in 1913 with a state-of-the-art YMCA building (representing an investment of approximately \$70,000)²⁶. Thanks to the Eckhart family "Auburn became the smallest city in the US to boast of having a YMCA."²⁷ Further evidence of his philanthropy was at Aurora College. Because of Charles' religious beliefs (He was a member of the Advent Christian Church) he also gave generously for "denominational and educational work, especially for the benefit of Advent Christian College of Aurora, IL."²⁸ Eckhart Hall, a building on the campus of Aurora College, was donated by him.

An interesting historical footnote concerns the building of the public library in Colon, Michigan. It too was established through the gift of a philanthropist (O.B. Culver), who like Charles Eckhart gifted land, building, and equipment. Culver had visited the Eckhart Public Library the summer of 1913 and was so pleased with it's design that the Colon, Michigan Public Library design was based on Eckhart Public Library. (See exhibit 27 for a photo of the Colon Library).

Charles Eckhart died Sept. 30, 1915 and the town of Auburn lost a generous benefactor. The Library Board paid him tribute at the time of his death - "There is an influence which emanates from the lives of good men and filters through succeeding generations for ages. If a man has reared himself a monument in the hearts and lives of humanity, he needs no other, he cannot be forgotten."²⁹

Over the years, the Eckhart Public Library has continued to grow in service and patrons and collection, though the physical facility has not. Below is a chart of the library growth from those beginning years to present. (From annual reports filed by Alicia Barnes in library archives, Eckhart Public Library)

YEAR	TOTAL BOOKS	CIRCULATION	TOTAL PATRONS	TOTAL STAFF
1909-1910	1620	11,270	1,444	2
1910-1911	2311	16,498	na	2
1911-1912	3193	19,334	1,853	2
1912-1913	3746	22,376	2,145	2
1913-1914	4173	20,015	2,430	2
1914-1915	4432	18,566	2,154	2
1915-1916	4578	na	2,444	2
1916-1917	4719	na	1,977	2
1991-1992	64,500	206,000	8,500	8 full time 25 part- time

The original building was designed to accommodate 25,000 volumes of books and we currently house almost triple that amount at 64,500. Eckhart's fine legacy faces a crisis of space.

Thus, an expansion project has been launched and fund-raising begun, justified by the same arguments Charles Eckhart would have used. In a recent issue of the Evening Star, editor Dave Kurtz says, "I can't imagine Charles Eckhart would be pleased. The carriages he built, the motorcars made by his descendants, didn't just look good. They worked, they functioned, they did what they were designed to do." He further argues, "Eckhart surely didn't set out to build an architectural masterpiece that would fail to run efficiently as a library. If that's what we have today, surely he would tell us to fix it."³⁰

From the start, Charles Eckhart always insisted on the best of workmanship, the best for Auburn and in Mr. Kurtz's words, "We still deserve that Eckhart quality. It's time for today's Charles Eckharts to match his generosity and help build a library addition worthy of Auburn's future."³¹

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THE PLYMOUTH LIBRARIES

The Plymouth Libraries are of special interest to all the leading people of Auburn at present. An offer has been made by the Plymouth Libraries of Boston and Chicago to install a branch of their library service here provided there is a sufficient interest. The offer is a conditional one as they never extend the service unless a sufficient number of memberships are secured to place it on a permanent practical basis. So the organizer is here in Auburn to interview the prominent people and to see if the library can be brought here. So far there has been displayed a great deal of interest, and already some members have subscribed for it who are well known.

Any of the neighbors of the Plymouth service. During the last three months, Cicero, Sheridan, Westfield, Thorntown, Greenwood, Wolcott, Kentland, Redkey, Cambridge City, Dunkirk, Middletown and Liberty have installed this same library service. It will only be a year until all the smaller cities and towns of Indiana will be supplied with these high class libraries.

These libraries were founded over eighteen years ago and Edward Everett Hale is chairman of the Book Committee. It has grown until it is now the second largest of its kind in America. There has been evolved a service especially adapted for the smaller cities, like Auburn where it is impossible to maintain a big public building, or to get an offer from Carnegie.

The plan is very simple. The library will be installed with one of the best business men here, and engage him as a local librarian. Instead of asking for donations of \$50 or \$100 as would be necessary to erect a building, they simply set a rate of membership about the price of one or two copy righted books. This places it within the reach of all.

The need of a library service in Auburn is so great that this certainly deserves the support of each one interested in the welfare of the town. In fact, a library is one of the essentials of civilization, right in line with the school and the church. It is a necessity to any community, but especially to a town of this size, which is behind most of its neighboring towns on the library question.

It is not only a general need but an individual need. Each family ought to have plenty of good books in the home. Without library service the people of Auburn are just in this position, buy their books or go without. But the average reader cannot afford to buy all the books that he ought to read or would like to read. Nearly everyone is interested in reading the late fiction as it comes out. Now nine tenths of those books are laid aside, after reading them once, one is through with them. Then in the reading of a book is all that one wishes, the ideal way is to get it through a library and save the expense. In this way the price of two of the new books will give one the reading of all that one can possibly master, and prevent the individual from stocking his home with dead material.

The Plymouth Libraries can furnish any good book within reason, and allow the members the rare privilege of selection. Of course there are all of the popular books of the day and standard works of fiction. In a second class are the books of travel, juvenile stories and topic outlines prepared by specialists. These topics cover the same ground as the Chautauqua and Bay View reading courses. Having an authority in each department, makes the service high class. One can get more good in a year's reading in a systematic course than in ten year's reading without an outline. In the third class is the heavy reading on literature, biography, religion, science, professions, business, trades, art.

The capital stock of these libraries is \$100,000. They have over one hundred thousand books in circulation which have cost seventy-five thousand dollars. As a result, they have a solid financial backing. It is vastly different from the cheap little circulating system that may have been here formerly.

If the library is brought here, it will be placed in some centrally located store, with the owner engaged and paid a librarian to wait on members and

take care of the books. The rules are reasonable. One can get a book often as he pleases or keep it three days. Each member is required to pay for a book lost or destroyed by him. The size of the library placed here will depend on the number of members secured, but there will always be over twice as many books as members, so that over half of the books will be continually in the cases as reserve and one can get what he wishes without waiting. The books will be in good condition, solid bindings, better than the average public library book. Best of all, the library is replenished every six months, so that it never gets stale. This means two complete libraries furnished each year, thus keeping the service up-to-date on the new books and giving plenty of fresh material. Members order their books by the post card system by checking any topic that material is wanted on, or write in any special new books wished. This card is mailed to the libraries in Chicago and when the renewal library comes to the town it will contain the selections. The best read people of the town being secured as members, they will order good books, so all are assured of a well selected library. This privilege of special order is what the Book-lover's library charge \$10 to \$15 a year for.

EXHIBIT 1

(Taken from Auburn Courier, undated
in Auburn Library Board Book of Minutes,
Eckhart Public Library)

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That the Common Council of any city or the Town Board of any incorporated town within this State desiring to establish, increase and maintain a public library in such city or town, open to and for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants thereof, may levy a tax annually of not to exceed one mill on each dollar of all the taxable property assessed for taxation in such city or town as shown by the tax duplicate for the year immediately preceding the fixing of such levy, which tax shall be placed upon the tax duplicate of such city or town and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and such levy shall be certified to the clerk of the Circuit Court. If the Common Council of such city, or the Town Board of such incorporated town do not make such levy, they shall do so at the next ensuing levy, and annually thereafter, after tax-payers of such city or town raise by popular subscription for each of the two years immediately following the date of completion of such subscription, a sum of money equal to the amount that would be derived from a tax levy of two-tenths of a mill on each dollar of the taxable property assessed for taxation in such city or town, as shown by the tax duplicate immediately preceding the completion of such subscription; *Provided*, that no more than two per cent. of the entire amount necessary to be subscribed shall be subscribed by any one person, firm or corporation of such city or incorporated town. The amount of money so subscribed as herein provided, for library purposes, shall be made to fall due and be payable in eight equal quarterly installments. The first installment shall become due and payable on the first Monday of the second month following the date of the completion and filing of such subscription, as hereinafter provided, and one installment shall become due and payable on the first Monday of each third month thereafter, till all of such subscription is paid. The subscriptions shall be collected by the Public Library Board, hereby created, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The subscription list for said money shall be filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such city or incorporated town is located. The said clerk of the Circuit Court immediately thereafter shall notify the judge of the Circuit Court of said county that such subscription has been filed, and he shall likewise notify the Common Council or Town Board and the Board of School Trustees of such city or town proposing to establish a public library, that said subscription has been filed. The original subscription list shall be preserved by the clerk of the Circuit Court and by him placed in the hands of the Public Library Board, when the Board shall have been appointed as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. Within ten days after said judge of the Circuit Court shall have been notified, as above provided, that such subscription list has been filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court, if one has been filed to secure the levying of such tax, or that the Common Council has certified to such clerk that the levy as provided herein has been made, it shall be the duty of said judge to examine such subscription list, and if it be found that an amount of solvent subscription has been made equal to the amount required by Section 1 of the above entitled act, then he shall order a copy of such subscription list spread upon the records of said court; and he shall appoint three persons, resident of such city or town, as members of such Public Library Board, one of whom he shall appoint for one year, one for two years and one for three years from the date of their appointment, and all appointments so made by the judge of the court shall be entered in the order books of said court. Within ten days after the Common Council or Town Board, and the Board of School Trustees shall have been notified as in Section 2 of the above entitled act, each body shall appoint two persons, also residents of such city or town, not otherwise appointed as members of such Board, who shall become members of such Public Library Board. The members so appointed by the Common Council or Town Board for the first appointment under this act, shall serve for a period of one year, and after the first appointment all appointments made by the Common Council or Town Board shall be for a period of two years. The Board of School Trustees shall appoint its members for a term of two years, who may be from their own Board. If the Township Advisory Board of the township in which such library is located shall levy and collect two-tenths of a mill on each dollar of all the taxable property assessed for taxation in said township, as shown by the tax duplicate for the year immediately preceding the fixing of such levy, exclusive of the property of the city or town already taxed for said library, and collect and pay the same over to the treasurer of such city or town where such library is located, then in such case the township trustee shall, ex-officio, be a member of such Public Library Board, and such township trustee shall appoint one person, a resident of said township, not otherwise appointed, as a member of said Public Library Board, who shall become a member of such Public Library Board, and such appointment by such township trustee shall be for a period of two years, and all members of such Public Library Board appointed as herein provided shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified; *Provided*, That women may be eligible to appointment as members of such Library Board, and not less than three of the members appointed shall be women. The Judge, Common Council or Town Board, the Board of School Trustees, and township trustee, in making the appointments, shall select persons of well-known probity, integrity, business ability and experience, and who are fitted for the character of the work they are to perform, and who shall have resided for a period of not less than five years immediately preceding their appointment, in the city or town for which they are appointed, in the case of members appointed by the Judge.

EXHIBT 2a

(Taken from preface to Auburn Library Board
Minutes, Eckhart Public Library)

...of Town Board and School Trustees, and in the township in the case of the member appointed by the township trustee as hereinbefore provided, and who shall not be less than twenty-five years of age at the time of appointment, and who shall serve without compensation for services. In case of vacancy on such Board, it shall be the duty of said Judge, Common Council or Town Board, Board of School Trustees and township trustee to fill such vacancy occurring in the membership appointed by each, respectively.

SEC. 4. All appointments to membership on the Public Library Board shall be evidenced by certificates of appointment duly signed by the judge as to members appointed by him, by the mayor or president of the Town Board, the president of the Board of School Trustees and the township trustee as to members respectively appointed by them, which certificates of appointment shall be handed to or mailed to the address of the appointee. Within ten days after receiving such certificates of appointment such appointees shall qualify by taking the oath of office before the clerk of the court that such appointee will faithfully discharge the duties as member of the Public Library Board to the best of his ability, and shall file such certificates, with the oath endorsed thereon, with the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such library is to be established.

SEC. 5. Within five days after all the members of such Board shall have been appointed and qualified, they shall meet and organize by electing one of their number president, one vice-president and one secretary, and shall select such committees or executive board as they may deem necessary to carry on the work of the Board.

SEC. 6. The seven members thus appointed shall constitute and be known as the Public Library Board and shall have the control of the public library funds, and the custody and control of all the books and other property of every name and description, and shall have the power to direct all the affairs of said public library; and such Public Library Board in the name of the library, shall be empowered to receive donations, bequests and legacies, and to receive and convey real estate for and on behalf of such library, and shall be entitled to receive from the Public Library Commission copies of all documents and publications of the State available for distribution. They shall have the power to make and enforce rules for the management of such libraries as they may deem necessary, and to employ librarians and assistants.

SEC. 7. When such Public Library Board shall have organized for the transaction of business, there shall be placed in its hands by the clerk of the Circuit Court the original subscription list, if any has been made, for the procuring of the levy of the tax as herein provided, and it shall be the duty of such Library Board to collect quarterly all money subscribed, as the same becomes due, as provided for in Section 1 of this act, and pay the same over to the treasurer of such town or city, and to expend the same in the establishment, equipment, enlargement and management of a public library in the manner as provided for in Section 8, which shall be open to and for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants of the city or town in which the same is located, and such Library Board may use such sum for the purchase of a building site and the erection of a library building, as the Board may decide. It shall be the duty of such Library Board to determine the rate of taxation that shall be necessary to establish, increase, equip and maintain the public library and certify the same to the Common Council or Town Board and the county auditor: *Provided*, That said levy shall not exceed one mill on each dollar of all the taxable property assessed for taxation in such city or town, as shown by the tax duplicate for the year immediately preceding the fixing of such levy. When the assessment for such public library purposes shall be certified to the Common Council or Town Board and the Auditor, by the Public Library Board, the same shall be placed on the tax duplicate of such county and city or town and collected in like manner as other taxes are levied and collected.

SEC. 8. The tax so levied as provided for in Sections 1 and 7 of this act shall be held and kept as a separate fund by the treasurer of such city or incorporated town for public library purposes, as herein provided, and he shall pay out the same for library purposes only upon the warrant of the president of the Library Board, countersigned by the secretary thereof. The treasurer of such city or town shall be liable on his official bond for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by this act.

SEC. 9. When a public library shall have been established in any city or incorporated town in this State under the provisions of this act, such library shall be open and free for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants of the township in which such library shall be located, provided the Township Advisory Board of the township in which such library is located shall levy and collect a tax of two-tenths of a mill on each dollar of all the taxable property assessed for taxation in said township, as shown by the tax duplicate for the year immediately preceding the fixing of such levy, exclusive of the property of such city or town already taxed for said library, and collect and pay the same over to the treasurer of such city or town where such library is located, to be held by such treasurer as a part of the public library fund. Said library shall remain open and free for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants of such township so long as said tax as herein provided and specified shall be levied, collected and paid over to the treasurer of such city or town for the use of said Library Board for the purpose herein named. When the public library of any city or town is not so open and free for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of any township, by reason of such township failing to levy and collect the tax herein required, the Public Library Board may issue and sell certificates or library cards to any person or family resident in such township at such annual fee as may be deemed by them to be a fair compensation for such privilege, and such library cards shall give to the purchaser thereof the same rights and privileges as the inhabitants of the city or incorporated town.

SEC. 10. If any city or incorporated town in this State where a library of the value of an amount that would be derived from a tax levy of three-tenths of a mill on each

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dollar of valuation of taxable property within such city or town assessed for taxation as shown by the preceding tax duplicate of said city or town, is already established and maintained under the existing laws of this State, and whenever the managing board of such library already so existing and maintained shall tender the ownership, custody and control of said library free of expense to such Public Library Board for the use and purpose of a public library, as contemplated by this act, which tender of the use and purpose thereof shall be evidenced by a certificate issued by the managing board thereof and filed in triplicate with the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county wherein said city or town is located, with the clerk of said city or town and the secretary of the Board of School Trustees, in the manner and form as prescribed in the certificates of popular subscription contained in Section 2 of this act, which certificate shall show the value of such library, a Public Library Board shall be appointed in the manner as set forth in this act, except as such Board shall be appointed only when the Common Council or Town Board has decided by a majority vote of the members thereof to accept such library and to levy and collect a tax as other taxes are levied and collected and not to exceed one mill on each dollar of valuation of taxable property of such city or town, as herein specified. Said Council or Town Board shall certify its said decision of acceptance, attested by the clerk of said city or town and the mayor of such city or the president of such Town Board, to the judge of the Circuit Court and the secretary of the said Board of School Trustees, whereupon said judge, City Council or Town Board and Board of School Trustees shall proceed to appoint said Public Library Board in the manner and form and to all intents and purposes as is done by the voluntary levy of such tax by the Council or Town Board, or the popular subscription filed with the clerk of the court as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 11. The judge of the Circuit Court, the Common Council or Town Board and the Board of School Trustees may at any time, for cause shown, remove any member of such Library Board that may have been appointed by each, respectively, and fill the vacancy occasioned thereby as provided for in Section 3 of this act.

Sec. 12. The treasurer of such city or incorporated town, operating libraries under this act, shall make and file with the Common Council or the Town Board thereof, not later than the 15th day of January of each year, an itemized statement, under oath, of all the receipts and disbursements of such Public Library Board for the year ending December 31 immediately preceding the making and filing of such report, and such report shall contain an itemized statement of the sources of all receipts, all disbursements made and the purpose for which the same were made, and such annual report shall be open to inspection of the citizens of such city or town, and also the township in which such city or town is located, providing the township has complied with the provisions of Section 9 herein.

Sec. 13. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. *Provided*, That this act shall not interfere with the maintenance or management of any existing library already established and operating under the laws of this State.

Sec. 14. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, therefore the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Thos Barnes List *1st year*

Atkinson C.E.	<i>Pd</i>	\$1.00 ✓
Aber Mrs. J.F.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Allen Ruth	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Borst Charles	<i>Pd</i>	5.00 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
Brown C.M.	<i>Pd in full</i>	5.00 ✓
Baxter J.W. and Mrs.	<i>Pd 3.00</i>	3.00 $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1$
Brand Revz A.H.	<i>Pd 2.00</i>	2.00 ✓
Brandon Mrs. Ora	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Baker Mrs. Drusilla	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Bauer C.L.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Baxter Mrs. Adda	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Beane Nan J.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Beatty J.E.	<i>Pd</i>	1.50 ✓
Beeber Will	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Black K.W.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Boyer Carey	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Bradley Photogr	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Brandon Frank M.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Braun Mrs. Ella		1.00 ✓
Brown Rev. J.A.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Brown Herman	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Brown J.W.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Bryant Josephine	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
Buckley Leo	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
<i>James A. H.</i>	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓
<i>Burke J. A.</i>	<i>Pd</i>	1.00 ✓

Eckhatt Mrs. Nettie	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	
Buckley Margaret	<i>Pd</i>	2.00	<i>✓</i>
Buckley Nelle	<i>Pd</i>	2.00	<i>✓</i>
Buegnot George	<i>Pd</i>	1.00	
Bueret L.J.	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Club Musicale	<i>4/4 Pd B</i>	25.00	<i>✓</i>
Club Thursday Evening		2.00	<i>✓</i>
Club Ladies Reading		6.00	<i>✓</i>
Carmer Jerry	<i>Pd B</i>	4.00	<i>✓</i>
Casebeer Bert	<i>Pd B</i>	2.00	<i>✓</i>
Casebeer Harry	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Clifford Maude		1.00	<i>✓</i>
Cobb Mrs.		1.00	
Cochran E.T.	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Coe H.E.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Culbertson Mrs. H.R.	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Chaney Mrs. W.G.	<i>Pd 2-2 Pd 2-3 B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
DeLapp E.T.	<i>Pd B</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Depew Belle	<i>Pd 50¢</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Diehl M.M.	<i>Pd</i>	2.00	<i>✓</i>
Dilgard Ray	<i>Pd 1.00</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Dills H.L.		1.00	<i>✓</i>
<i>Davis</i> Downey O.H.	<i>Pd</i>	1.00	<i>✓</i>
Dragoo Frank		1.00	<i>✓</i>
Eckhart Mrs. & Mrs. C.E.		12.32	<i>✓</i>
Eckhart Mr. & Mrs. F.		12.00	<i>✓</i>
Eckhart Ma. & Mrs. M.	<i>1.00 Pd</i>	6.00	<i>✓</i>

EXHIBIT 3c

✓ Auburn, Ind., 9/17 1906

Rec'd of *Living Knapp*
OW Dollars \$ *1.00*

In full for } first yearly subscription to library fund.

Chas. M. Brown
Collector.

Auburn, Ind., 190

Received of _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

in full for } first yearly subscription to library fund.

Collector.

To Charles M. Brown

Auburn, Ind. July 3, 1906.

You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, on the 2 day of June, 1906, the Common Council appointed you a member of the public library board of said city to serve for the term of one year.

J. G. W. McCallum
Mayor of the city of Auburn.

State of Indiana,
De Kalb County, ss.

Charles M. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Indiana, and will faithfully and honestly discharge his duties as a member of the public library board of said city of Auburn, state of Indiana, to the best of his ability So help me God.

Charles M. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July, 1906.

Chas. C. Jenkins
Clerk of DeKalb Circuit Court.

To Ada Baxter.

Auburn, Ind. July 3, 1906.

You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, on the 18 day of June, 1906, the Common Council appointed you a member of the public library board of said city to serve for the term of one year.

J. G. W. McCallum
Mayor of the city of Auburn.

State of Indiana,
De Kalb County, ss.

Ada Baxter, being first duly sworn on oath, says that she will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Indiana, and will faithfully and honestly discharge her duties as a member of the public library board of said city of Auburn, state of Indiana, to the best of her ability So help me God.

Ada Baxter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of July, 1906.

Chas. C. Jenkins
Clerk of DeKalb Circuit Court.

July 16-1906.

The Library Board held its second meeting in the Directors' Room of the City National Bank at 7:30, Monday evening, July 16, 1906.

In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Dr. Lida Leasure.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was taken up. The By-laws were read and discussed in sections.

Motion by Mr. Coe, Seconded by Miss Smith that action on them be deferred until the next meeting.
Carried.

The Board considered suggestions as to rooms

By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Auburn^{Ind}

Article I. Officers:—The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, who shall be elected annually from their own members.

Sec. 2 The President shall perform all duties generally pertaining to that office.

Sec. 3—The Vice President shall in the absence or disability of the President perform all the duties of the President.

Sec. 4 The Secretary shall keep a record of all official acts of the Board, and shall have custody of all official books, records and accounts except those in current

use of other officers, and shall pay over to the Treasurer all money collected.

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Article II. Meetings: - The regular meetings of the Board shall be on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P. M. at such place as may be designated.

sec. 2. The Annual Meetings shall be on the first Monday of September at the regular place and hour of holding meetings.

sec. 3 Special Meetings may be called by the President or by request of any two members of the Board for the transaction of ~~such~~ business only as may be stated in the call.

sec. 4 Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

~~Article~~ III. Committees: - At the annual meeting the President shall appoint standing committees as follows: - A committee of three members on library; a committee of three members on finance; and a committee of three members on rooms.

Sec. 2 Two members of any committee shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3 The Committee on Library shall supervise the selection, buying, exchange and binding of books and periodicals, and shall have general supervision of the administration of the library and reading rooms. All lists of books to be purchased or added in any way to the library shall be brought before the Board and approved before the books can enter the library.

Sec. 4 The Committee on Finance shall have charge of all library finances, examine and report upon all bills against the Board and make an annual investigation of the library fund and report the same to the Board, which report shall include all money passing through the hands of the Library Board.

Article

Sec. 5 The Committee on Rooms shall select rooms and shall have general charge of the heating, lighting, and arrangement of the same and shall have care of all fixtures and furniture

Article IV. Claims: All claims against the Board must be presented at a regular meeting of the Board and referred to the Committee on Finance for in-

vestigation and report. If such claim be allowed the same shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the library funds on presentation of an order signed by the President and Secretary.

~~Article~~ V. Librarian. - The librarian shall have charge of the library and reading rooms and be responsible for the care of the books and other library property; classify and arrange all books, and publications, and keep the same catalogued according to such plans as may be approved by the Board; promptly report any delinquencies or irregularities to the Committee on Library; keep exact account of all money received from fines

and other sources and report the amounts to the Board at the next regular meeting. At that time the Librarian shall pay all balances to the Secretary and take a receipt for the same. The Librarian shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board, provided, that the Librarian shall incur no expense or liability of any kind except express authority be given by the Board.

Article VI. Expenses: All expenses of whatever kind incurred in connection with the business of the library must come before the Board in the regular way before they may be paid.

Article VII. Power of Amendment: These By-Laws may be amended

by resolution, the same being presented in writing at a regular meeting and passed by a vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the Board at the next regular meeting?

The Vice President asked for a little time in which to name the committees and later reported the following:-

Library:- Mr. H. E. Cole

Mrs. Adda Baxter

Dr. F. M. Hines

Finance:- Miss Grace M. Smith

Mr. C. E. Eckhart

Mr. C. M. Brown

Rooms.

Dr. F. M. Hines

Mrs. Adda Baxter

Mr. C. M. Brown

Motion by Dr. Hines, seconded by Dr. Hines that they adjourn for one week. Carried.

Lida Masure, V. Pres.
Grace M. Smith, Sec'y

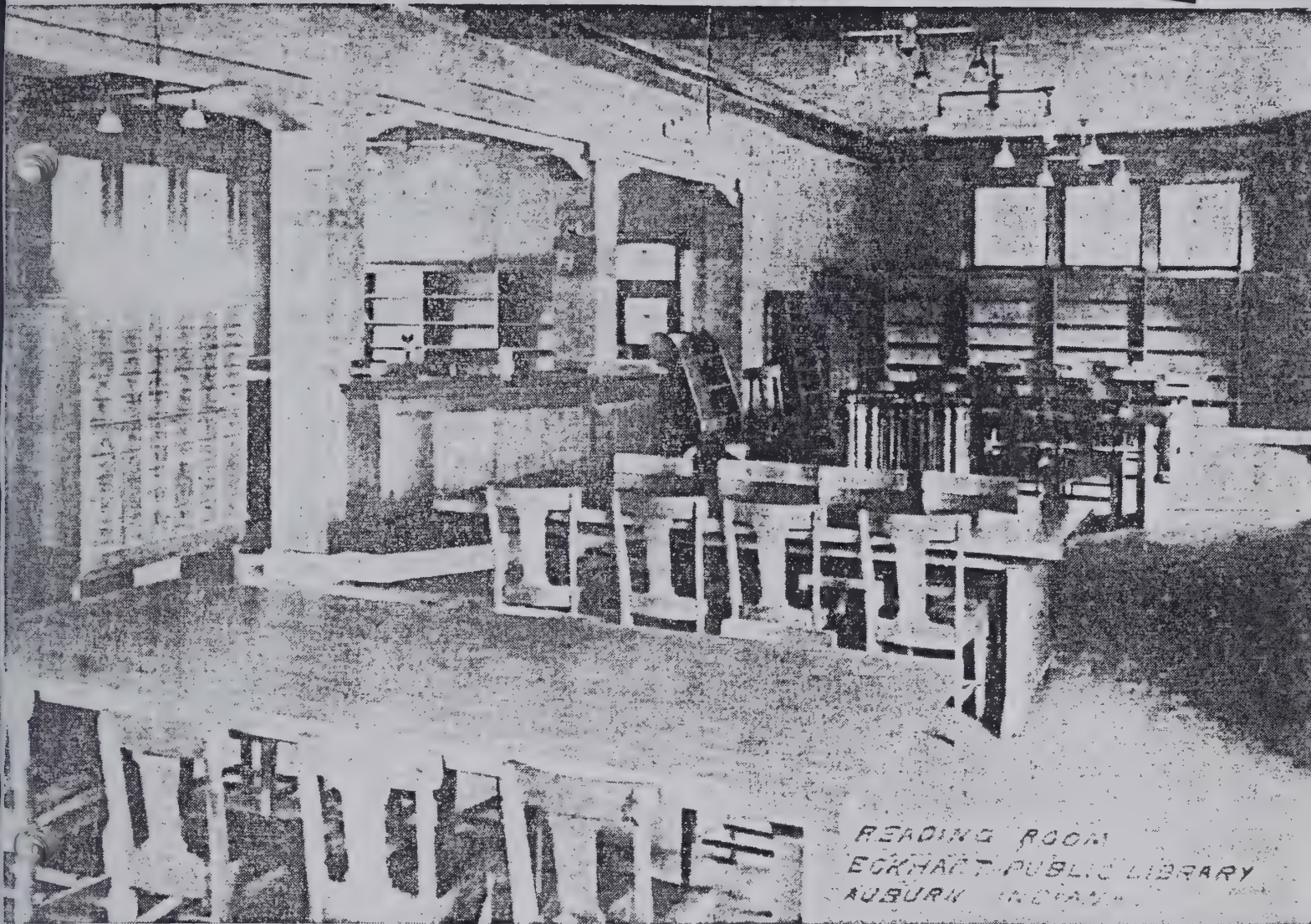


(Courtesy of Sentinel)

MRS. ALICIA BARNES
Official Librarian

EXHIBIT 6

EXHIBIT 6
(Taken from Goodwin Scrapbook
Vol.1, Indiana Collection,
Eckhart Public Library)



AUBURN — Thirteen years before the Eckhart Public Library was built, a local committee was formed to establish a reading room in downtown Auburn.

The early supporters for such a reading room were Dr. Leasure, W. H. Keckler, Rev. Band, Prof. Hippensteel, J. Howard Wagner, W. H. Schaab, and I. M. Zent.

They soon found the reading room was not sufficient to fill the needs of Auburn residents and the movement for a larger library facility began.

Charles Eckhart realized the

need of larger library facilities and investigated the Carnegie Library Foundation. This foundation offered Auburn \$15,000 to build a library.

Eckhart felt this would not build a library big enough to fill Auburn's needs. He bought the front part of the present library block, and personally supervised and inspected the material used to build the building. It cost \$31,000.

The library corner stone was laid March 13, 1910 and the building was dedicated Jan. 20, 1911.

Perry Long, Auburn, was general contractor.

When Eckhart presented the library to Auburn, it was completely furnished, but as the above picture shows, there were no books on the shelves.

In 1911 Eckhart purchased the back part of the library block and Oct. 12, 1911 placed a \$2,000 fountain directly behind the building.

Auburn W.C.T.U. first used the public meeting room Jan. 12, 1911.

The original shelving and card catalog are still in use. Some

tables and chairs have recently been replaced.

The empty shelves now hold about 17,500 books, some are from the old downtown reading room's original collection.

In 1961 a children's reading room was established in the library basement. It now contains 10,000 books.

George Abel, Auburn Mobil Home Park, loaned this picture to The Evening Star.

Help — does anyone have pictures of the Gypsy Hill area near Butler?

EXHIBIT 7
Goodwin Scrapbook, Auburn
Courier, April 2, 1971, in
Indiana Collection, ECP

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01	Hawthorne, H.	Twice-told tales	N. Y. Put. and	1835	D. cl.	McClurg			36				
02	Gunnell, G. B.	The story of the Indian	" Appleton	1805	270	"	"	"	96				
03	Bolton, S. K.	Lives of poor boys who became famous	" Crowell	1885	367	"	"	"	90				
04	Burnett, H. H.	Sarah Crane & other stories	" Scribner	1886	236	"	"	"	75				
05	"	" Little Lord Fauntleroy	"	1885	296	"	"	"	75				
06	Brooks, E. C.	Carnegie Days	" Putnam	1892	318	"	"	Culture Club	9				
07	Hawthorne, H.	Grandfather's chair	Bos. H. & M.	1871	213	S.	"	"	"				cop 1
08	"	" A Wonder Book	" Hurd	1883	2	"	"	"	"				
09	Laughlin, E. C.	Johnnie	Ind. B. & Co.	1877	227	"	"	"	"				
10	Wiggin, K. L.	The Bird's Christmas Carol	"	1888	69	"	"	McClurg	30				
11	Mr. Sophie	Captain Horace	Boston L. & S.	1892	183	S.	"	Culture Club	9				
12	Eastman, H.	Frank among the rancheros	Phil. J. & Coats	1867	254	"	"	"	"				worn out - not replaced
13	Ewing, J. H.	Jack-an-ape	Bos. Little & Brown	1888	56	"	"	"	"				
14	E. H.	John's treasure in tank.	Phila, Carter	1869	146	"	"	"	"				
15	Eastman, H.	Frank among the mountaineers	" Coates	1864	277	"	"	"	"				worn out -
16	Bos. J. & Co.	Two little street singers	Bos. L. & Co.	1901	142	S.	"	"	"				
17	Chas. Oliver	Young man.	"	1875	340	"	"	"	"				Lost - Found Sept. 07
18	Hilli, M. R.	The Young & again	Chicago, Ill.	1896	264	"	"	"	"				Mar 11-07
19	"	"	B. S. L. & Co.	1899	315	S.	"	"	"				
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21	"	" Old-fashioned girl	"	1896	378	"	"	"	"				worn out -
22	"	" Little women	"	1898	572	"	"	"	"				Repl. by 3332
23	"	" Little men	"	"	376	"	"	"	"				worn out -
24	"	" Jo's boys	"	"	364	"	"	"	"				Repl. by 2598

EXHIBIT 8 a
(Taken from Accession Book, Library
Archives, Eckhart Public Library)
Book numbered 01-2000

March 11—1907.

The Library Board met in regular session with Dr. Leasure, Mrs. Baxter, Dr. Hines, Mr. Emanuel and Miss Smith in attendance.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following rules ^{on motion of Dr. Hines seconded by Mr. Emanuel} for loaning books were adopted, and the secretary ordered to get them printed.

Public Library of Auburn

RULES

BORROWERS—Adults living in the city of Auburn are entitled to draw books by filling out application blanks. Children under 16 must obtain the signature of parent or guardian.

BORROWERS' CARD—Each person entitled to draw books from the library will be given a card, which must be presented whenever a book is taken, returned or renewed. If this card is lost, a new one will be given after seven days' notice and upon payment of five cents.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES—One book at a time may be drawn on a card.

TIME KEPT—Books may be kept two weeks and once renewed for the same time. Books marked *Seven Day Book* may be kept for that time only and cannot be renewed.

OVER-DUE BOOKS—A fine of two cents a day will be imposed for books kept over time. Delinquents must pay fine and return book before another book can be drawn. Books lost or damaged must be replaced or paid for.

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS—A temporary resident may obtain a borrower's card by filling out an application blank and obtaining the signature of a resident free-holder, or by a temporary deposit equal to the value of the book.

NON-RESIDENT—Any one living outside the limits noted above may obtain a borrower's card by paying the sum of \$1.00 a year, signing an application card and obtaining the signature of a resident free-holder.

EXHIBIT 9

(Taken from Library Board Minutes, March 11, 1907, Library Archives, Eckhart Public Library)

The Public Library of Auburn

MEMBERS OF BOARD

Mr. A. C. Beyer Norman L. Brown
C. E. Emmert Dr. F. M. Hays Charles Eckhart
Dr. Lida Leasure Miss Grace M. French

Auburn, Ind. 12-12-1907.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Our library was opened the 3 of March, 1907, with about seven hundred volumes on the shelves. We have now something above a thousand volumes, with a list of eight hundred readers.

Auburn is a factory town and contains a large number of young men and boys. The library seems to appeal especially to these people, and every evening many of them are found at the library selecting books and reading the magazines of which we have a good collection. The interest in the library seems general and so far it has been largely supported by popular subscription.

The Library Law of Indiana makes available a permanent tax sufficient to always maintain the library. Owing to an error of the Auditor in placing the rate on the assessment sheet, but a small sum was collected from this source last year, but another year this amount will be increased.

We feel that we have a good nucleus for a library, now we would like a permanent home. We hope that you will decide to help us erect one. Thanking you in advance for any consideration you may give to our request, we are,

Very sincerely yours,

THE LIBRARY BOARD,

Grace M. French,

EXHIBIT 11

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook, Vol. 1, Indiana Collection, Eckhart Public Library)

December 3, 1924.

Librarian,
Public Library
Auburn, Ind.

Dear Madam:-

The Committee for the Parent-Teacher Association, known as the Standards of Literature, has been asked by several Librarians in the state to furnish a list of books that should not be upon the shelves of any Public Library, or School.

You will easily see that our Committee can not issue at this time a list of such books.

Following is a list of books suggested by some of the Librarians of the state that should not be allowed in any Public Library or any books of like nature, no matter who the Author might be.

The Sheik
Cytheria
Simon Called Peter
The Black Oxen
West Of The Water Tower
The Genius
The Devils Garden
Dwelling Place Of Light
Broken Barriers
Star Dust
Marion
Poor White
Sons And Lovers
Madame Bovary

Plastic Age
Able McLaughlin
Tetherstones
Lost Lady
Being Respectable
Ursula Trent
Burning Sands
Recompense
Three Black Pennies
Heirs Apparent
Little Moments Of Happiness
Anne Severn And The Fieldings
Portrait Of The Artist As A
Young Man

Our Committee would like to know your opinion as to these books and the names of other books that you think should be listed in this class, also the names of any of the books specified that should not be listed.

We take it that the Librarians and their Assistants will help us to secure a proper list of books that should be eliminated from all Public Libraries in the interest of our young people of High School and College ages.

We thank you for the information already advanced, and hope you will continue to help us until we eliminate every objectionable book. We can report to you that most of the Libraries in the state are absolutely clean. A few have a part of the above books but have promised to discard them.

Very respectfully yours,
INDIANA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE STANDARDS OF LITERATURE.

E. M. Campfield.

EXHIBIT 12

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook
vol. 1, Indiana Collection,
Eckhart Public Library)

The Public Library of Auburn

MEMBERS OF BOARD

Miss Mary Barber
 (Deceased) J. A. Malulipe
 Dr. Lida Learner J. Howard Walker
Willis T. Rhoads
 Auburn, Ind.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Auburn, in DeKalb County, State of Indiana, March 1, 1909, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate to the Free Public Library of the city of Auburn, Indiana the sum of \$13500.00 to be used for the purpose of erecting a Free Public Library Building in said City of Auburn, Ind. upon the following conditions to wit:-

1. That a suitable site be provided.
2. That the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Auburn, Indiana shall by proper resolution of record agree to levy a tax sufficient to produce annually a sum not less than \$1250.00 and whereas said site is available, therefore, be it

Resolved: that this Board hereby agrees to levy a tax sufficient to produce annually said sum of \$1250.00

Signed Charles M. Smith Pres.
Lida Learner V. Pres.
James H. Smith Secy.
Edward Walker
J. A. Malulipe
Mary E. Barber
Willis T. Rhoads

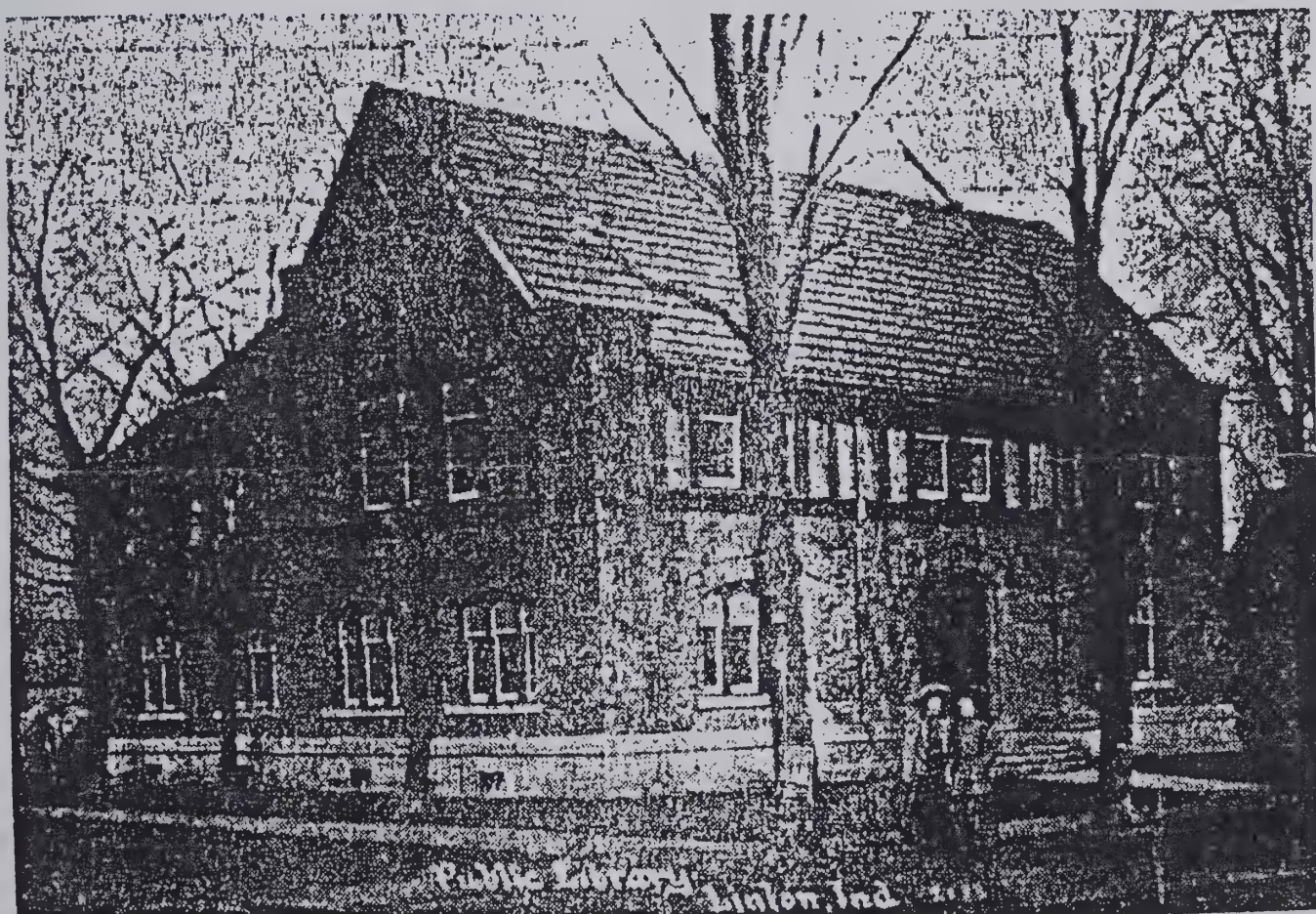
Approved by the Mayor and Common Council of said City of Auburn, Ind. this 1st day of March 1909

Geo. W. Quinn Mayor
J. H. Cameron
J. E. Engle
W. C. McNeill
Ed. H. Taylor
R. H. Hillman

E. C. Deane
 City Clerk



1947



Public Library Vinton, Ind. 1909

EXHIBIT 14 a

(Solicited from Margaret Cooper Public Library, Vinton, IN, from their library archives)

1909



MARGARET COOPER PUBLIC LIBRARY

110 East Vincennes Street
Linton, Indiana 47441
(812) 847-7802

MARGARET COOPER PUBLIC LIBRARY / TUDOR GOTHIC

According to copies of correspondence from the Carnegie Corporation, a letter dated January 28, 1902 with an attached petition containing twenty four signatures was sent to Andrew Carnegie.

After much correspondence between the library trustees and Andrew Carnegie's Secretary, the library was promised to Linton on December 24, 1907.

Andrew Carnegie agreed to spend \$15,000 on the building of a library facility and the community agreed to tax the citizens at a rate of one mill on each dollar of taxable property which amounted to \$1,650 per year.

A Linton family donated a 60 x 132 foot lot located on the corner of East Vincennes and First Street.

Patton and Miller from Chicago were the architects chosen with the recommendation from the Indiana Library Commission Secretary, Chalmers Hadley. (Mr. Hadley later became Executive Director of the American Library Association).

In June 1908, with appropriate ceremonies, the cornerstone of the Linton Public Library was laid, but the English Tudor building was not completed until March 14, 1909.

No wings or other alterations have been made to the physical structure of the original building. The only remodeling of the interior occurred in 1985 when the meeting room on the second floor of the building was converted into a young people's department. Also in 1985, a new sidewalk and steps were poured. New landscaping to the yard was accomplished in 1987.*

* The above information is from a report made by Emily Cooper - Bunyan, the Librarian at Linton from 1983 - 1988.



MARGARET COOPER PUBLIC LIBRARY

110 East Vincennes Street
Linton, Indiana 47441
(812) 847-7802

Lickhart Public Library
603 S. Jackson St.
Auburn, IN 46706

ATTN: DEBORAH
ARGAST

4/16/93

Dear Deb,

Here is the information you requested
4-12-93 about our Carnegie Library. Please find
enclosed (2) copies of photos and historical data.
(I'm proud to have designed our current letter-
head and schedules!).

Thank You for writing!

Sincerely
JP

JANET PANKEY
IND. HIST./GENEALOGY



Public Library

HOURS

SEPT. - MAY

Monday 10:00 to 8:00
Tuesday 10:00 to 8:00
Wednesday 10:00 to 8:00
Thursday 10:00 to 8:00
Friday 10:00 to 5:00
Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

JUNE - AUG.

Monday 10:00 to 6:00
Tuesday 10:00 to 6:00
Wednesday 10:00 to 6:00
Thursday 10:00 to 6:00
Friday 10:00 to 5:00
Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

Margaret Cooper
Public Library
110 E. Vincennes St., Box 613
Linton, Indiana 47441
(812) 847-7802

EXHIBIT 14 c

The Public Library of Auburn

MEMBERS OF BOARD

MARY E. BATES

CHARLES ECKHART

E. A. JOHNSON

DR. LIDA LEASURE

J. A. MCINTYRE

WILLIAM FROGGE

GRACE M. SMITH

Auburn, Indiana, October 2, 1911

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
 Fifth Castle,
 Broomfield, Sutherland,
 Scotland.

Dear Sir:

On my return after a summer's absence, I find your letter written to Dr. Lida Leasure who served as Secretary of the Library Board while I was away.

On behalf of Mr. Eckhart, the Library Board and the citizens of Auburn, I thank you for your good wishes which we return in kind. We wish you might see Mr. Eckhart here at Auburn on the occasion of the dedication of our Library building. While we accept Mr. Eckhart's donation, we feel that by your example, you were instrumental in assisting us to secure the proposed building.

We do not expect to begin work on our building before next Spring and hope to dedicate January 1, 1911.

We thank you for your offer to present a few of your publications and assure you they will be highly appreciated. We are glad to receive them at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace M. Smith, Secretary

LIBRARY BOARD

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infer of all books

sent
 Mr. Eckhart

EXHIBIT 15

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook
 vol.1, Indiana Collection,
 Eckhart Public Library)

Auburn Courier
22 Aug 1909 pl - col 4

Carnegie Passes Sentence on our Townsman

Skibo Castle, Dornoch, Sutherland.

August 4th, 1909.

MY DEAR DR. LEASURE:—I am made happy this morning by the receipt of your favor of July 16th. Let me congratulate Auburn upon having such a citizen as Mr. Eckhart. I should like to shake him by the hand as a fellow-worker in the good cause. Happy man, who can console himself through life with the thought that because he lived one little spot on earth has been made better than it was before. I wish him long life and happiness.

Perhaps I may be permitted to present copies of the books which I have published as a token of my regard for Auburn.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW CARNEGIE

Dr. Lida Leasure,
Secy., Library Board,
Auburn, Ind.

February 1, 1910

The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of the City of Auburn was held at the hour of seven o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 1910, pursuant to said Charter. Mr. William Rhodes, Mr. Ed. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Mc Intyre, Miss Taylor and Miss Buckley, members of said Board, and Mr. Wm. Leasure, vice President of said Board, presided at said meeting and Nellie C Buckley acted as Secretary thereof.

Charles Eckhart by J. H. Rose appeared before said Board, and tendered to said Board a deed ~~tendered to~~ of conveyance for Lots numbered twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26) in Western Addition to the City of Auburn, upon certain conditions therein stated as a donation to said Board. It was moved and seconded that said deed be accepted upon the conditions therein stated. Said motion being put the same was unanimously carried.

Said Eckhart also donated to the Board the sum of twenty thousand dollars upon certain trusts, set out and declared in a certain paper writing filed by him with said Board, and which said paper writing is as follows, -

To The Public Library Board of the City of Auburn, Ind.
I, Charles Eckhart, hereby donate to your Honorable Body, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars, in cash, which is in hand paid, in trust and confidence, nevertheless, and upon the following express trusts, that is to say, said sum shall be deposited in the City National Bank of Auburn, Indiana, or such other depository as may, from time to time, designate and appoint, and shall be expended and paid out only upon checks countersigned by me or such person as I may, from time to time, appoint and designate for such purpose, in the erection upon lots Twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26) in Western Addition to the City of Auburn, Indiana of a public library building, in

strict accordance with and in conformity to the plans and specifications heretofore adopted by your Honorable Body, for that purpose, said Building to be fully constructed within two years from this date. Should I die prior to the completion of said building, and while any of said money may remain unexpended, then said sum of money so remaining unexpended, shall be withdrawn from said depository upon check countersigned by such persons or persons as your Honorable Body may, from time to time, designate for that purpose.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th of December, 1909

Charles Eckhart.

It was moved and carried that said sum be accepted upon the trusts declared in said paper writing, and that said trusts be executed and carried out hereunto.

COPY OF DEED
FROM
Charles Eckhart and Wife
To the Public Library Board, Auburn, Ind.

This Indenture Witnesseth: That, Charles Eckhart and Martha A. Eckhart, his wife, of DeKalb County, in the State of Indiana, CONVEY AND WARRANT, to the Public Library Board of the City of Auburn, Indiana, for the consideration of one dollar, the following described real estate situate in DeKalb County, State of Indiana, to-wit:--

Lot number twenty-five (25), and Lot number twenty-six (26) in Western Addition to the City of Auburn, in said DeKalb County, upon the following express conditions, to-wit:--

The said grantee shall within two years after this date, erect and furnish upon said real estate, with the money hereafter donated by said grantor to said grantee, a public library building, in accordance with, and in conformity to the plans and specifications therefor, heretofore adopted by said Board; and said grantee shall forever maintain on said real estate and in said building, a public library, and said real estate shall be used for no other or different purpose whatever, except as hereinafter expressly authorized; and on the following further express conditions, that is to say, that there shall be provided in said building on the second floor thereof, an assembly room, and that said room shall, at all reasonable hours, be open for the meeting therein of such CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS or ASSOCIATIONS, as have for their purpose the advancement of education or philanthropy; provided, however, that said room shall be so open for all such clubs, societies, organizations or associations as above provided, without partiality, and provided, further, that NO ORGANIZATION OF A POLITICAL OR SECTARIAN CHARACTER, OR ONE ORGANIZED FOR PECUNIARY PROFIT, shall be permitted to hold meetings in said room, except only such entertainments for pecuniary profit as may be held under the auspices and for the benefit of said library board; and upon the following further express condition, that is to say, that NEITHER THE SALE, NOR THE USE, OF TOBACCO OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS SHALL EVER BE PERMITTED UPON SAID REAL ESTATE.

Upon the breach of any of the conditions hereinbefore stated and declared, at any time hereafter, however remote, the title to said real estate shall immediately thereupon revert to said grantor, Charles Eckhart, his heirs, devisees or assigns.

In Witness Whereof, said grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 15th day of December, 1909.

Charles Eckhart [SEAL]
Martha A. Eckhart [SEAL]

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF DeKALB, ss.

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, and State, this 15th day of December, 1909, personally appeared Charles Eckhart and Martha A. Eckhart, his wife, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal.

J. H. ROSE, Notary Public.

My commission expires November 22, 1912.

EXHIBIT 18
(Taken from Eckhart Family
History, Indiana Collection
Eckhart Public Library)

Los Angeles, Jan. 22nd, 1910.

Dear Son Frank:

I have just written to Judge Rose regarding the \$20000.00 which I desire him to deposit in the City National Bank on January the 31st, next. I have asked him to see you and get a check from the Eckhart Carriage Company for \$9000.00 and one from the Auburn Automobile Company for \$11000.00.

He will deposit these checks, payable to the order of the Public Library Board and according to a article of agreement drawn up by Judge Rose no body will have a right to check out same, only myself.

I received on letter from you which was written on the 27th of December, but it was over two weeks on the way. Went to Mobile, Alb and New Orleans. I wrote you soon after coming here but have not received a reply up to this time.

Annie's birthday occurs today and we are all invited to her house to-night for dinner. We are all well and would be glad to hear from you soon.

Yours affectionate Father,

Charles Eckhart

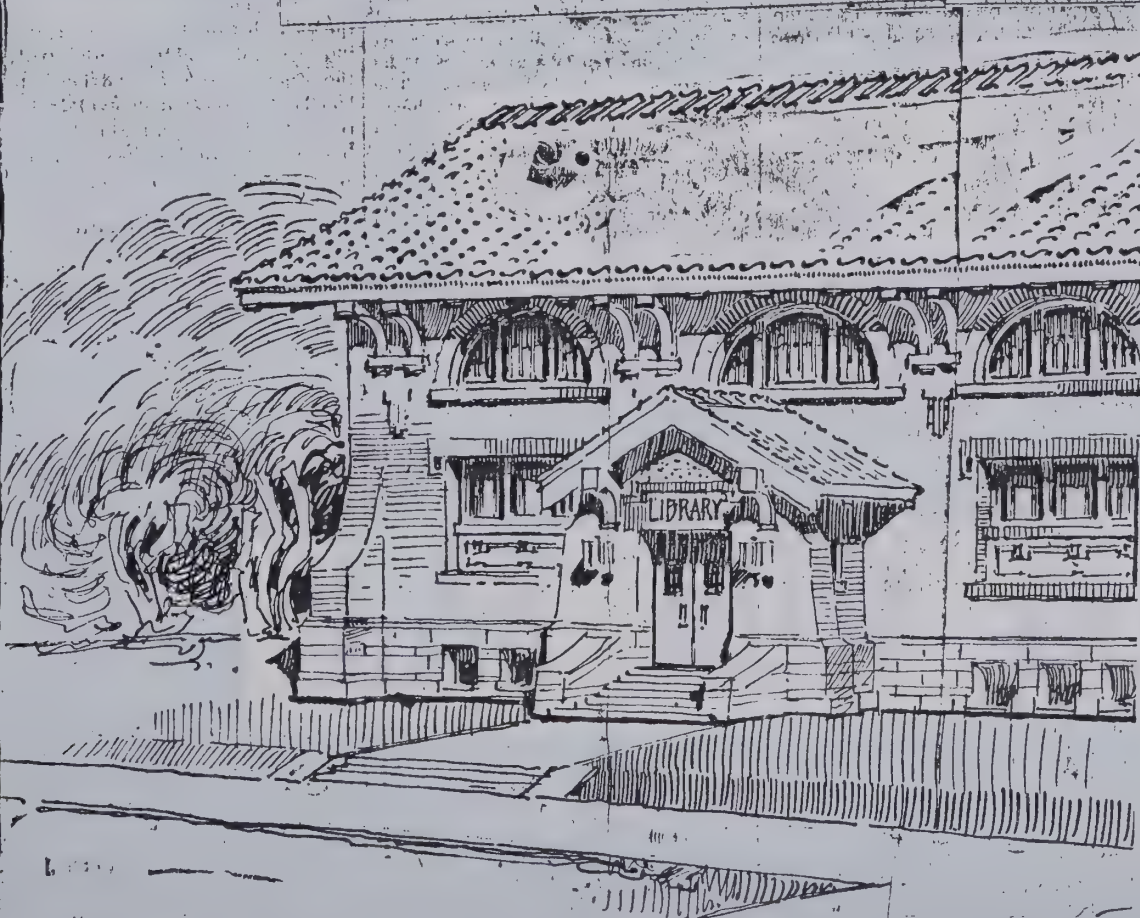
1022 So. Hill St.,

Raphael Apts.

ION. CHARLES ECKHART'S MUNIFICENT GIFT TO THE CITY OF AUBURN

DAILY COURIER.

AUBURN, DeKALB COUNTY, INDIAN, THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 22, 1909.



PATTON & MILLER-ARCHT'S

PUBLIC LIBRARY-AUBURN

IND.

EXHIBIT 20

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook, Vol.1, Indiana Collection, Eckhart
Public Library)

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR. NO. 14.

AUBURN, INDIANA THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1910.

CORNER STONE OF NEW ECKHART

PUBLIC LIBRARY

HAS NOW BEEN LAID!

EXHIBIT 21
(Taken from Auburn Courier
May 19, 1910)

Book 78
Pg 530
Recorder's Office
Original purchase
Dec 15, 1909
res to
Leary Board
Oct 7, 1910
minutes held

EXHIBIT 22 a
(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook
Vol. 1, Indiana Collection
Eckhart Public Library)

Warranty Deed) THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That the City of Au-
City of Auburn) burn, DeKalb County, State of Indiana, by its
to) Mayor and City Clerk, having been first instru-
Charles Eckhart) cted so to do by a Resolution duly passed by
Dated Oct. 3" 1910.) the Common Council of said City at a regular
Recorded Oct. 7" 1910.) meeting thereof on the third day of October,
At 4 P.M. #2435. ✓) 1910, Convey and Warrant to Charles Eckhart, of
Auburn, DeKalb County, State of Indiana, for and in consideration of Two
Thousand Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the follow-
ing described real estate in DeKalb County, State of Indiana, to-wit:
Lots numbered fifty five and fifty six (55 & 56) in Western Addition to
the town, now City, of Auburn.

This conveyance is made in persuance of the following resolution herein
before refered to and this conveyance is made upon the terms and condit-
ions therein contained and the said resolution is made a part of this
deed.

" Resolution.

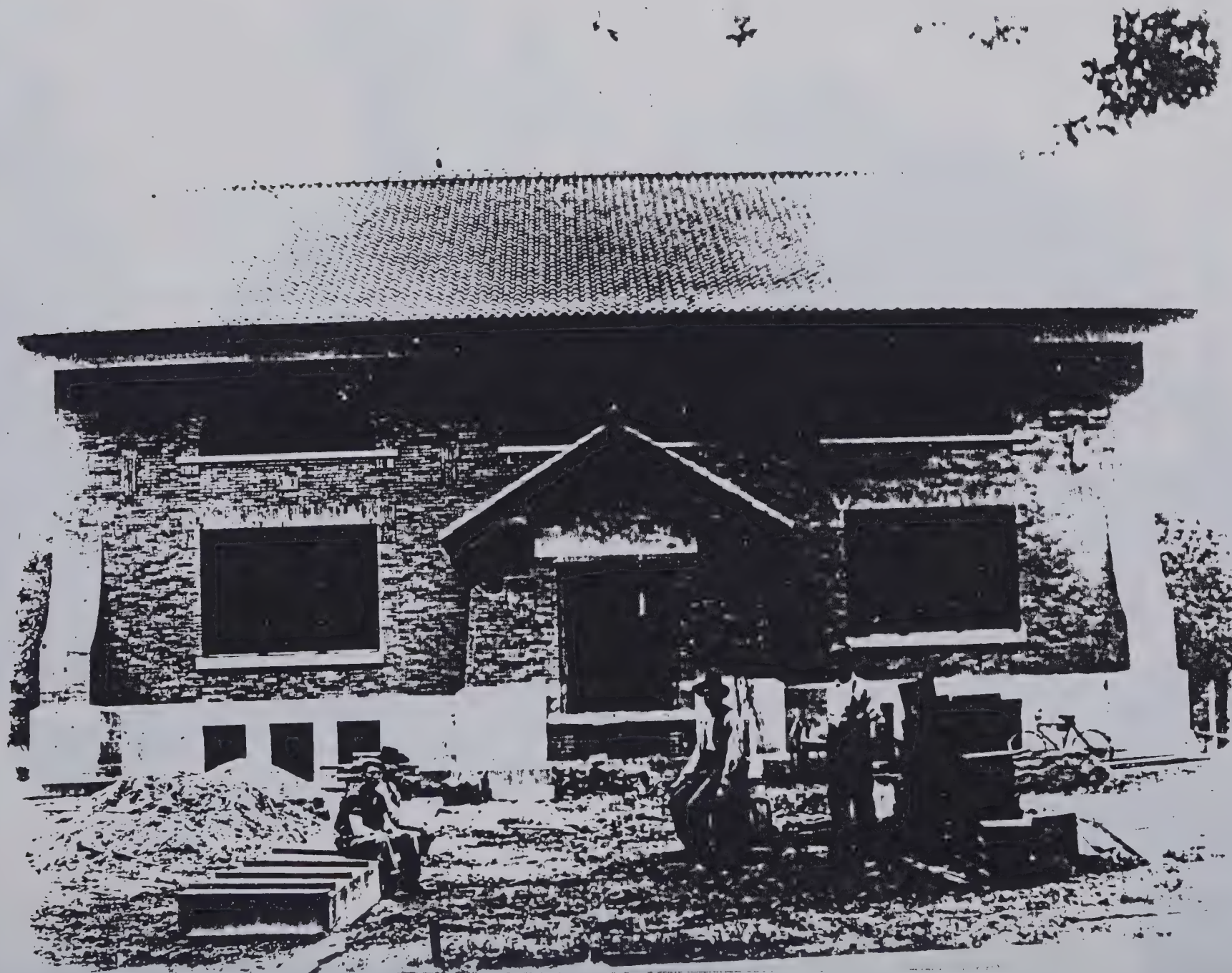
Whereas, the City of Auburn is the owner of Lots numbered Fifty five (55)
and Fifty six (56) in Western Addition to the town, now City, of Auburn
and known and dessignated as Wesley Park and used as a Public Park, and
Whereas, Charles Eckhart has constructed a Public Library Building on
lots numbered twenty five (25) and twenty six (26) in said Addition and
adjacent to said City property, and given the same to the Eckhart Public
Library, and

Whereas, the said Charles Eckhart now desires to purchase said lots belonging to said City and annex the same to the said Library Property and to continue the use of the same as a Public Park.

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, that it will be to the best interests of said City and its Citizens to sell said lots numbered 55 and 56 to said Charles Eckhart and

the same are hereby sold to him at and for the price of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars to be paid in cash, and the Mayor and City Clerk of said City are hereby directed and ordered to execute, on behalf of said City of Auburn, and deliver to said Charles Eckhart a Warranty Deed for said premises upon receipt of the purchase price, The said deed is to be subject, however, to the following conditions:

That if the said Charles Eckhart, his heirs or grantees should for any reason at any time fail to permit said lots so conveyed to him to be used as a Public Park, then it is understood that said property shall revert back and be the property of said City, provided, however, that the said City shall first pay to said Charles Eckhart or his legal heirs the said purchase price herein named and any additional sum that he may expend in the improving of said property, all without interest. And further that no building or buildings of any kind shall by said Eckhart, his heirs or grantees ever be erected on said premises. It is further understood that said Charles Eckhart is to convey said property to the Public Library Board of the City of Auburn, subject however to the conditions contained in this resolution.



Perry Long, contractor (center), Charlie Hook, (right), others unknown.

EXHIBIT 23

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook
Vol.1, Indiana Collection,
Eckhart Public Library)



ca. 1913

Mc Intyre automobiles
seen at Eckhart Public
Library West 13th Street
Auburn, Indiana

EXHIBIT 24

(Taken from Goodwin Scrapbook,
Vol.1, Indiana Collection,
Eckhart Public Library)

MR. ECKHART'S LATEST GIFT

NEW \$2,000
FOUNTAIN IS A
SPLENDID WORK
OF ART



IT WILL
ENHANCE THE
BEAUTY OF
LIBRARY PARK

Once again is Auburn indebted to its worthy benefactor who studies to add to the charm of his city and furnish to its people new and added points of interest. In Charles Eckhart's latest gift he has indeed studied the needs of the populace and has delighted the lover of the pretty and beautiful. A beautiful fountain adorning the library park will be a pleasing sight and the graceful artistic outlines of metal silhouetting the sky line, the waters at play and the beautiful setting of trees with the library as a background will surely thrill a people full of gratitude. The fountain herewith produced, is the recent purchase of Charles Eckhart, mention of which was made by the Courier a number of days ago. It

will soon occupy a central position in library park. Its total height will be nearly nineteen feet and its base will be octagon in shape and twenty-one feet and six inches in diameter. The lower basin will be built of cement and covered with ornamental steel. At a point eight feet and five inches above the base, a second basin will be seen, whose diameter will be eight feet and eleven inches. This basin will be placed at a point five feet and six inches above the first basin. The third basin seen in the picture will be five feet eight inches in diameter and will be placed five feet six inches above the second. Two figures, representing two boys struggling, each in an effort to gain possession of a duck, will don the top of Mr. Eckhart's gift. The main

stream feeding the fountain, will issue forth from the duck's bill, and will drop in a spray into the uppermost basin, from which it will escape into the second and lower basins, from which it will finally escape. The fountain will be purely for ornamental purposes, and is said to represent the highest type of modern workmanship. Its cost, including installation, will be nearly \$2,000. Mr. Eckhart hopes to have it in its place and completed by the last of September.

Another fountain for utility purposes, equipped with four sanitary drinking cups, will be erected in the southeast corner of the park and will cost \$200. It is designed for the specific use of the children who pass it daily en route to and from school.

EXHIBIT 25

Auburn Courier

1 Aug 1912 p5 col 3-4-5

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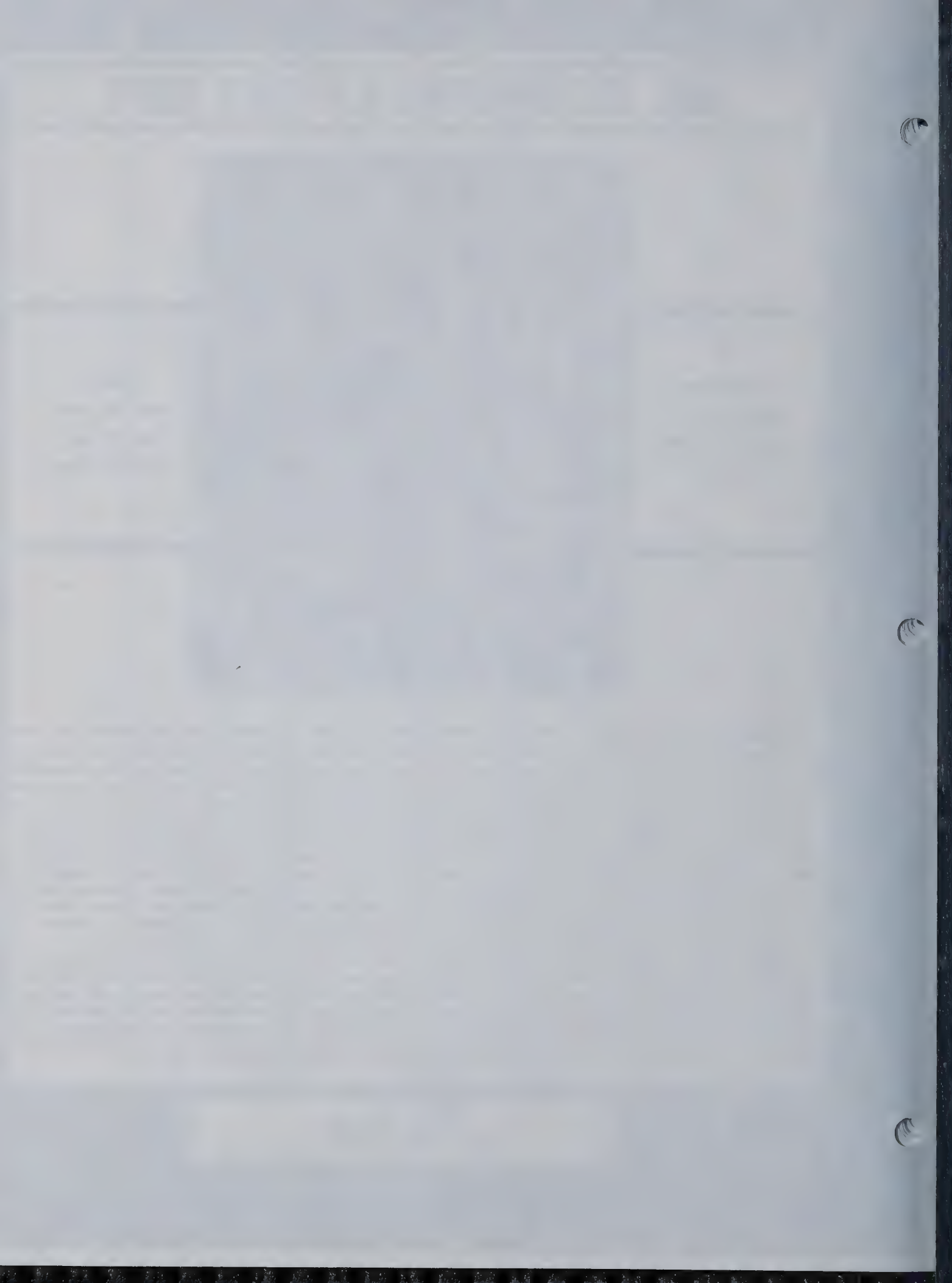
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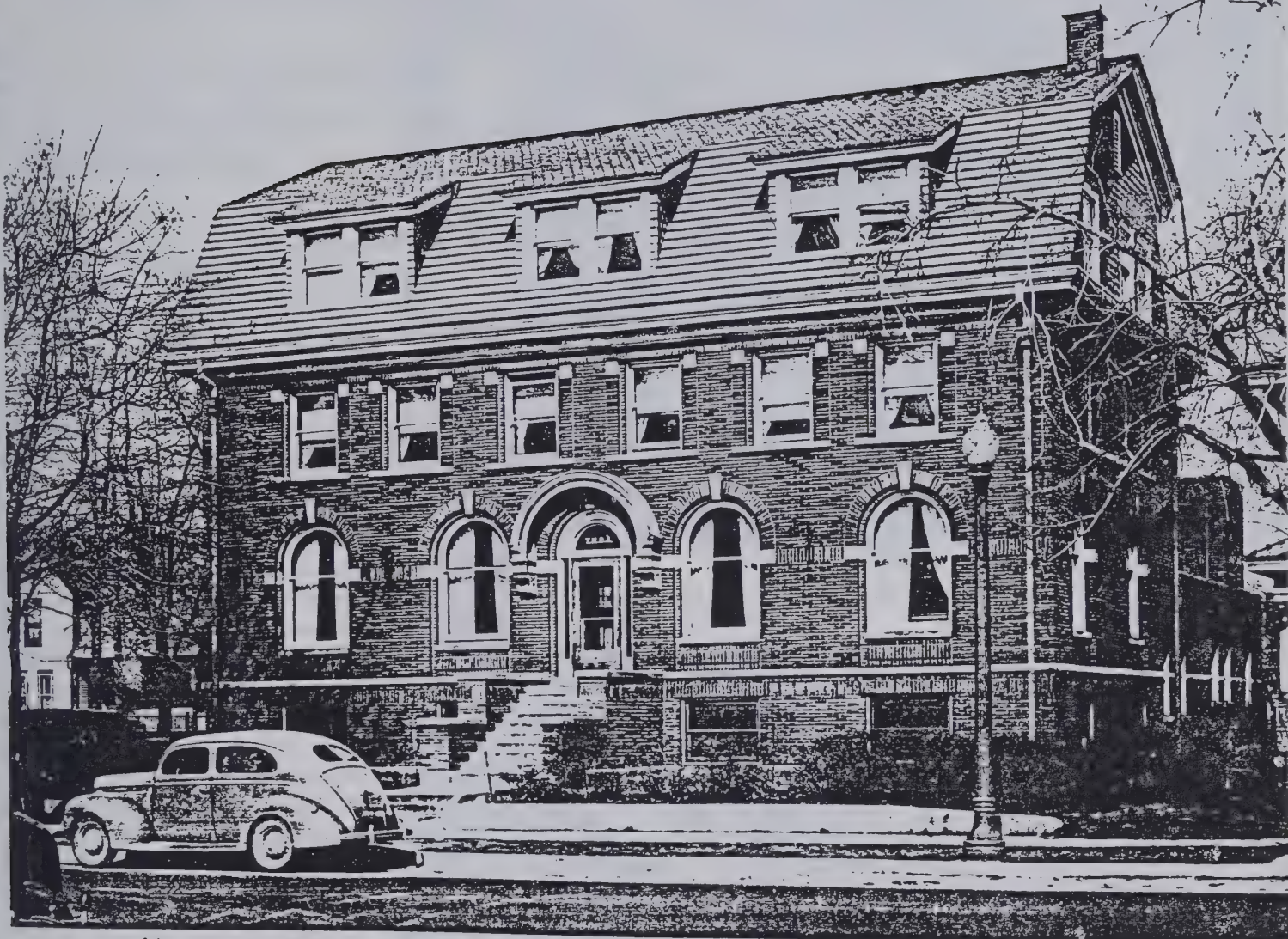
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EXHIBIT 25

Auburn Courier

1 Aug 1913 p5 col 3-4-5





About 1913 My Father Frank E. Eckhart and my Grandfather Charles Eckhart gave the town of Auburn Indiana a fine YMCA. This is directly across the street from my Grandfather Bolands on fifth and main St. The building has a fine gymnasium and a swimming pool with locker Rooms on the lower floor. The second and third storied are dormitory with accompaning toilets and showers. They were for single men only.

THIS GIFT WAS IN 1913. My Grandfather Boland received all of the Money and paid all the bills (This represented an investment of aproximately \$ 70,000.00 .

EXHIBIT 26

(Taken from An Eckhart Family History, page 66, Indiana Collection, Eckhart Public Library)

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COME HERE TO GET LIBRARY DETAILS

Town Board and a Number of Citizens of Colon, Mich., View Eckhart Public Library.

To familiarize themselves with the methods devised to carry the Eckhart public library project to completion, with a view of better equipping themselves with knowledge adequate to pursue plans for the building of a library at Colon, Michigan, a company of men from that place came to Auburn Wednesday.

They consisted of the members of the township board and a number of citizens of Colon. On the township board are W. H. Wagner, supervisor; John A. Karchner, clerk, and Geo. H. Snyder and O. C. Shane, justices of the peace. With them were W. H. Godfrey, J. Elliott Mosher and O. C. Shane.

Money for the library was obtained through the generosity of the late O. B. Culver, of near Colon, who died December 23. Mr. Culver visited the Eckhart public library last summer and informed the citizens of Colon that he would provide that within a year of his death fifteen thousand dollars would be given them out of his estate for the building of a library there.

In his last will and testament he provided that fifteen thousand dollars should go to the township and an additional thousand dollars for books for the erection and equipment of a public library. Colon township has purchased a site for three thousand dollars. The committee met with J. A. McIntyre Wednesday afternoon who showed them through the library and gave them the information wanted.

Auburn Courier

27 Aug 1914 p 3 - col 5



— Library at Colon, Michigan —



EXHIBIT 27

(Taken from Goodwin scrapbook
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Top left-- MARIA ASHLEMAN wife of Jon ASHLEMAN BORN IN SWITZERLAND
DIED IN AUBURN, INDIANA MOTHER OF BARBARA ELLEN ASHLEMAN
ECKHART ,WIFE OF C HARLES. MARIA WAS THE GRANDMOTHER OF
FRANK, ANNIE , MORRIS AND WILLIAM ECKHART AND TBE GRANDMOTHER
OF THE WRITER GEORGE B. ECKHART. RIGHT--TBE (CHILDREN OF
MARIA AND JOHN ASHLEMAN BELOW---- CHARLES ECKHART AND
BARBARA ELLEN ASHLEMAN ECKHART



TOP LEFT-- THE CHARLES ECKHART ECKHART FAMILY ABOUT 1895
STANDING FRANK, MORRIS, WILLIAM , ANNIE

BELOW ECKHART FAMILY ABOUT 1895 STANDING ANNIE , MORRIS,
FRANK AND WILLIAM

TOP RIGHT BARBARA ELLEN ASHLEMAN ECKHART Born 1836 died 1903

BELOW RIGHT CHARLES ECKHART AT AGE 19 YEARS Born Feb 24 1841
DIED SEPTEMBER 30, 1915 age 74 years 6 days



This portrait of Charles Eckhart was painted late in Mr. Eckhart's life by Robert Grafton. It hangs in the Eckhart Public Library.

EXHIBIT 30
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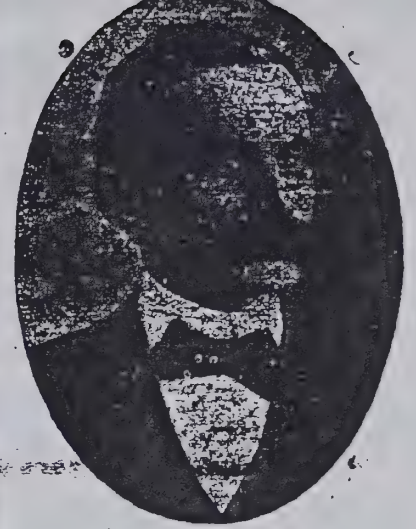


WILLIS RHOADS



MISS MARY E. BAXTER

EXHIBIT 31
(Taken from Auburn Evening
Star, May 13, 1910)



J. A. McINTYRE



MISS NELLIE BUCKLEY
Secretary of Board



J. A. JOHNSON

THE AUBURN

AUBURN, INDIANA, MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 1915.

TRANSFERS.

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AUBURN'S BENEFactor, CHARLES ECKHART, IS NO MORE

Wave of Sorrow Sweeps Over City as
News of His Demise Was Passed
from One to Another.

END CAME AT 11 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Children in California Telegraphed for
Wednesday and are Speeding on Their
Way to Auburn.

Auburn, gaily decorated, and with thousands of people making merry on every side, was covered with a cloud of sorrow Thursday when news rapidly spread from mouth to mouth that Auburn's greatest benefactor, Hon. Charles E. Eckhart, had quietly passed away at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Surrounded by his wife, his son Morris, and the attending physician, his soul took flight from the pained body. It was Mr. Eckhart's wish that he could die; for he realized at the last that he could never get well.

Mr. Eckhart grew much worse on Wednesday and his children, Frank Eckhart, Will Eckhart, and Mrs. Anna Shugers, who are all in California, were sent for and they are now speeding on their way home hoping to reach Auburn before the father passes away.

Arrangement so the young man left him, first paying all his small debts; he never left a place without settling ever cent he owed.

After a thirteen mile walk he took the train to New York City, where he spent a week vainly looking for work. From there he went to Albany, where he had relatives, but he failed to find them. Returning to New York City he then went on foot to Trenton, N. J., seeking work on the way. From there he went by boat to Philadelphia, where his parents were residing, and finally found work in a dye house at two dollars per week, working seven days a week. He remained there all winter and the following spring secured a position with D. R. Moyer, who had bought the carriage shop at Hilltown.

Mr. Eckhart was to work for Moyer one year under Moyer's instructions. After six months he bought release from the original agreement and worked by the piece.

HORSE PARADE EVENT

Nearly Thirty Entries
Classes Represented
Parade Saturday

TWO BANDS WEL

Auburn Fire Department
mobiles Carrying Fire
Judges, Superintendent
Citizens Were in

The biggest event of the fair was the parade of horse and carriage Saturday afternoon. Nearly thirty entries took part in the parade. The parade started at the Jenner livery barn, went down Main to Main and then north on Main to Seventh street, then to Jackson and then north and returned to the fair grounds down Main to Seventh street and south on Cedar. The parade was a success, getting started, but there were some delays. The parade was lined up on both sides of the street along the line of march. The parade was led by Chris Fell, and his assistants the police. The parade was on Main street. In order to get the parade started, a wagon, gaily decorated with white and blue, the Auburn Band in uniform and the loads of city officials, citizens and superintendents were ten automobiles in the parade. Next came the six horses, and some of the best ever seen in this city.

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The following sketch tells of the boyhood whose strength was developed by overcoming obstacles; of young manhood, when the path to future success was only dimly to be seen; of middle life, when the earlier days of diligent and sustained effort, tenacity of purpose, rugged honesty and thrift began to bear fruit; of the full manhood, when the rewards have come, and are being used for the furtherance of noble causes. A simple recital of Mr. Eckhart's career, without attempt at eulogy, may well encourage and inspire others to follow by the same road of hard work and honest purpose to the success that may be won.

Charles Eckhart was born February 24, 1841, at Germantown, Pennsylvania, and was a son of John and Charlotte (Fraley) Eckhart. His boyhood was spent at Fisher's Hollow, now a part of Germantown. There, at the age of eight years, he began helping his father spool yarn, his father being a weaver. Of schooling he had only a year and a half, and that in schools that were far short of the present standard.

When he was fifteen years old the family moved into Philadelphia, and there he found employment in a woolen mill where they made fancy goods, his father being also employed in the same mill. In the fall of 1857 a panic spread over the business world, causing the woolen mill to shut down and the lad started out to seek his fortune elsewhere. He had only three dollars in his pocket, and he did not spend that on auto, car-lage nor railway. He walked.

The first day he covered fifteen miles. He got supper, bed and break-

Moyer one year under Moyer's instructions. After six months he bought release from the original agreement and worked by the piece. He worked often from four in the morning, putting in as many hours as sixteen hours a day. Six months later Mr. Moyer failed in business. Mr. Eckhart, who was then a boy of only eighteen years, had saved a few dollars and also had some wages due him. Boy, though he was, he bought the stock in trade, giving his personal note for the balance. Being a comparative stranger and without financial backing did not destroy his credit, for all knew his industry and he had shown that he was honest. This is evinced by the fact that he had a credit to enable him to go into debt to the amount of \$800.

At the breaking out of the Civil War business became dull in his line, and, like thousands of others, Mr. Eckhart enlisted to fight for the Union. On September 6, 1861, he joined Company A, One Hundred Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry under Capt. E. L. Rogers and Col. W. H. Davis. He was made fourth sergeant at once. The time until November was spent at Doylestown and then till March, 1862, at Washington, D. D., drilling every day but Sunday.

In March they went as part of McClellan's army to Alexandria and then by transports to Newport News, Virginia, arriving the day after the historic battle between the "Monitor" and the "Merrimac." They helped in the siege of Yorktown and when the rebels evacuated that place they took part in the battle of Williamsburg. Following the rebels to their final stand at Fair Oaks, or Seven Pines, the battle of Fair Oaks was fought May 31 and June 1, 1862. In that bloody battle the 104th Regiment and their brigade lost more men than any other regiment or brigade in the battle.

They were in the Seven Days retreat, when late in June, they were driven out of their position near Richmond and fell back, fighting all the way for seven days. After reaching Harrison's Landing they remained about a month. Abandoning that position, the army went on toward Fortress Monroe and to the battle of Antietam, but the 104th Regiment and their

Next came the single drive horses, and some of the finest horses ever seen in this city were included in the parade. There were ten entries in that department. The head of the parade was made up of colts, full of fire and life, three to five and eleven heavy draft horses.

The draft horses were the tures of the parade, there being n entries than in the other classes. M of them were hitched to wagons, some were tied to single rigs and like. In this department the inte was good this year and there we keen rivalry for the prizes.

In uniforms of red with the usual vim and vigor the Ginnivan Street company band came last, this making two bands in the parade.

A merry party of D. B. C. g^l made up the single float of the parade. They sang songs during the parade and Mrs. E. C. LaCroix played piano that was mounted on the wagon as an accompaniment.

AUBURN MAN WITH TEAM IN FLORI

Capt. Glen Van Auken of Third Regiment, left Indianapolis Thursday for Jacksonville, Fla., where he, in company with about twenty other members of the Indiana National Guard will represent the state of Indiana in the national rifle competition.

This is for the purpose of instruction in the rifle practice and to promote military efficiency. Captain V. Auken will be team captain. The team from the Third Regiment on the team are: Capt. Albert Black, First Lieutenant Jesse O. Covell, First Lieutenant Jerry B. Garland, Second Lieutenant Milo D. Snyder, Sergeant Foster Houck, Private Harry Franks and Private Daniel T. Leberman. They will return to the headquarters immediately after completion of the national team match. A banquet will be given to each officer and shooting member and alternate of the team who participates in the national competition.

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The first day he covered fifteen miles. He got supper, bed and breakfast at a tavern, and it cost him seventy-five cents, one-fourth of his cash capital. Another day of fifteen miles and he came to Hilltown, Bucks county, Pa., where he found a chance of learning his chosen trade, carriage making. It was a humble little shop, and he was engaged two weeks on trial.

After two weeks he made a bargain with his employer to serve two and one-half years for board and washing, with three weeks off in harvest time so he could earn money for clothes. The next summer he laid off at harvest time, but went into Philadelphia and got a job at four dollar per week, while he boarded at home. At the end of four weeks he had sixteen dollars, for he had saved every cent. Returning to his employer at Hilltown, he asked for a new agreement for he saw he could not clothe himself and meet his obligations at that rate. The employer would not consent to a better ar-

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From there they went on an expedition down through the Carolinas. May 20, 1863, Mr. Eckhart was discharged on account of physical disability, at Hilton Head, South Carolina. At the time of his discharge he ranked as first sergeant.

In the fall of 1863, Mr. Eckhart went to Morris Island, South Carolina, and hired out as a sutler's clerk and for a time was in business for himself as a sutler. After eleven months he returned to Philadelphia, in September, 1864, visited a relative near Waterloo, Indiana, and it was then that he made the acquaintance of the one who later became his wife and the mother of his children.

In February, 1865, he enlisted as first sergeant in the 213th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and did

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INFANT CHILD HANGS SELF AT PLAY IN YARD

A most appalling accident occurred late Thursday afternoon when Robert, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Holly Lemaster, residing on farm just northeast of Kendallville was accidentally choked to death while at play. The lifeless form of the babe was found shortly after dark by the mother, hanging to a fence.

Two physicians were summoned but all efforts to restore life by artificial respiration proved unavailing. The child was playing about the yard and had wandered to a hog pen to look at the pigs. Robert stuck his head through a crack in the fence near a loosened board, and in so doing he slipped and fell. He hung to the fence by his neck until he choked to death.

The Decatur fair was called off Friday morning for the year on account of the rain. Friday was to have been the big day as Governor Ralston and party were to visit the fair. The fairgrounds were a regular lake after the heavy rain. Luckily the Auburn fair had their big day on Thursday.

RIER

SYRENUS HAAG DIES OF
CANCER OF STOMACH.

Syrenus Haag died in the Sacred Heart hospital at Garrett Friday.

MARRIES FORMER
WIFE AT AGE OF 70

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST
RAILROAD TRESPASSING

Baltimore & Ohio Making

CHARLES ECKHART IS NO MORE

(Continued from Page 1)

ard duty near Washington, in Maryland and Virginia until November 24, 1865, remaining in service out six months after the war. He next entered the Bryant & Stratton business college at Philadelphia, but not having enough money to carry him through, he left before completing his course, and in the spring of 1866, went to work at his trade at Norristown, Pa.

In the fall of 1866, he came to Indiana to visit his uncle at Waterloo. He may also infer that he made other interesting visits in that neighborhood for he secured a position at his uncle's in Kendallville and on October 1, 1866, was united in marriage with Barbara Ellen Ashelman, who resided near Waterloo. She was a daughter of John U. Ashelman, an early pioneer of this county.

In the spring of 1867, Mr. Eckhart moved to Auburn and about the first of July was promised a good situation at his trade in Chester county, Pa., to which place he moved at once. When his first son, Frank E., was born, on October 9, 1867.

Two weeks after the birth of their first child the family moved to a place in Montgomery county, Pa., where Mr. Eckhart engaged in partnership with D. R. Moyer, his old employer. After one year Mr. Moyer withdrew and Mr. Eckhart continued a business for himself at that place until October, 1874. During their residence there, three other children were born, Annie, born January 22, 1868; Morris, born March 25, 1871; and William, born January 18, 1873.

In the fall of 1874, business was at a very low ebb all over the country. Mr. Eckhart sold out and moved back to Auburn, at which time he made his home over

years he had spent his winters usually in California but occasionally in Florida.

Although he was comparatively free from business cares and had ample means, he was not an idler even after retiring from active business. He continued to use his energy time and money in any cause that was for the general good of his fellowmen. He was active in politics but not with hope of pecuniary reward.

For a full thirty years Mr. Eckhart supported the Prohibition party for the good he could do in promoting the cause of temperance. He campaigned for the party with his name on the ticket as a candidate for any office, having run for the lowest office on the ticket up to the highest in the state, for he was the party candidate for governor in 1900. He campaigned actively, speaking all over Indiana and never at the expense of the party, but freely paying all his expenses and contributing of his money to help the cause.

In religious belief he was a member of the Advent church (not Seventh Day Advent) and was a tower of strength in the denomination. He gave liberally for denominational and educational work, especially for the benefit of the Advent Christian college of Aurora, Illinois. In recognition of his help so freely given, the main building of the institution is named Eckhart Hall.

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work in out-of-the-way churches and among the poor. His daughter, now, Mrs. Eckhart, also has the disposition to do good for others and seconded her husband in his philanthropies.

Funeral Tuesday.

The late Charles Eckhart will be laid to rest next Tuesday. The funeral services will be conducted from the Methodist church at 10 a. m.

The body will lie in state at the family residence on North Van Buren street Monday from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.; also on Tuesday from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. for friends arriving on Tuesday. Burial will be made on the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

The two sons, Frank and Will, and the daughter, Mrs. George Shugers, who are on their way home from California, are expected here Tuesday morning.

The plants of the Auburn Automobile company and the Eckhart Carriage company are closed until after the funeral. All activities at the Y. M. C. A. are postponed. The booths of the two factories in the industrial exhibit are also closed.

GOES TO PENAL FARM

MIKE NEWBAUER, OF ALTONA,
TRIED TO EVADE OFFICERS BY
HIDING IN HAY IN BARN.

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average of once in two years since then it has been necessary to enlarge the plant.

Continued improvements have been made in the constructive appliances of the plant, and the buildings are arranged with the purpose of handling the work through different stages of construction in a systematic and economical manner. The plant is located along the Vandalla railway and has its own private track. Their business has grown from the limited start in a private residence to one that employs a large number of skilled workmen, with a force of traveling salesmen, and has built nearly five thousand vehicles in a year.

About 1902 the carriage company began, in an experimental way, to make automobiles, having already at hand most of the needed machinery, appliances and the organization to successfully launch such a business. After about three years they erected a building near the carriage factory two stories high, sixty feet wide and one hundred feet long, using the lower floor for auto making. By 1906 their automobile business was well able to stand alone and required larger quarters. They bought a factory building and grounds along the Vandalla tracks in Auburn, and installed their machinery.

They assembled an organization of skilled workmen and began operation at the present location October 1, 1906. They have not advertised extensively, but have depended upon the same methods that made their carriage factory a success, striving for economic efficiency of system in carrying on the various operations, but, above all, insisting on honest quality in everything. Now their business has reached about two million dollars a year, and Auburn automobiles are sold in about one-half the states of the Union every car being a good advertisement for the factory.

About 1895, Mr. Eckhart retired from business. Up until the time of his recent illness he had traveled in practically every state in the Union except one. For the past several

with which to purchase the ground and erect the Young Men's Christian Association building in Auburn. Later they gave more and the donation of the father and son amounted to \$50,000. An organization of Auburn business men was formed to carry forward the work at the time and the building was erected at its present location at the corner of Fifth and Main streets.

On July 5, of this year, Mr. Eckhart announced that he would beautify the city park near the Auburn Automobile company plant at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Work on the park is in progress at the present time and when completed will be but another of the monuments dedicated to the memory of Auburn's greatest benefactor.

Besides these larger donations Mr. Eckhart made many smaller contributions at different times.

Mr. Eckhart's first wife was called to rest on September 10, 1903. In her childhood and youth she was inured to the privations and hardships incident to early settlement. She bore her share of the burdens of home life when her husband's business was in its humble beginnings; she was with him as it grew to its later magnitude; but no change in fortune ever made any change in her ideal domestic character.

She loved home and family, and her constant purpose was to make the fireside attractive and to bring up her children by precept and example to become worthy and useful members of society. She was a member of the Advent Christian church in whose creed she had full belief and confidence.

On October 18, 1904, Mr. Eckhart married Martha A. Hoffman, who was born near Carey, Ohio, and is a daughter of Rev. J. H. and Margaret Hoffman. Her father was a Lutheran minister, a graduate of Gettysburg college, a good Greek scholar, and preached in both German and English. Although well educated and fitted for the most public places of the cities, his earnestly devoted disposition led him to do missionary

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS THINK OF THE AUBURN FAIR

Concerning the Auburn fair the Waterloo Press has the following to say in this week's issue.

"The annual free fall fair festival at Auburn began Wednesday. If the large exhibits and displays count for anything, the fall year will be the most successful held. The president, J. W. Sheffer, has spent much time in getting things in readiness for the opening day, and he has made a success. Jim Sheffer always makes a success of anything he undertakes.

"The exhibits are of a high order, showing the products of Kalb county farmers to be up to standard. In addition to the manufacturers of Auburn have elaborate displays in a large hall where they show the various products that are 'Made in Auburn.' The display is a very creditable one."

FIRST ACCIDENT UNDER NEW COMPENSATION LAW

Miss Rena Purviance met with a painful accident Wednesday afternoon when she lost the end of the middle finger of her left hand. She was stitching some calendars and in some manner her finger was cut off by the punch and the end was torn off.

This is the first accident to occur under the new workmen's compensation law in Auburn. The law went into effect September 1, and this was the first accident.

Isaiah Raub returned to his home near Pleasant Lake Saturday afternoon attending the Auburn fair.

For Indigestion.

Never take pepsin and preparations containing pepsin or other digestive ferments for indigestion the more you take the more you have to take. What is needed is a tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets will enable the stomach to perform its functions naturally. Obtain it everywhere.

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He built a small shop nearby, a structure about eighteen by twenty-four feet, two stories high, and in that building, in March, 1875, started what is the Eckhart Carriage company of today. Fortunately for Mr. Eckhart, he had already acquired a thorough and practical knowledge of every branch of carriage making except blacksmithing, and he was his own master mechanic. From the time his little boys were eight years old, he required them to help as they could when not at school.

From the start he always insisted on the best of workmanship and the strict honesty in his business. Perhaps a customer had a vehicle in which a defect of workmanship would develop, all unnoticed by the customer; Mr. Eckhart would not wait until the customer would see it, if his practiced eye had detected the fault. He would call the customer in and fix the defect free of charge. His goods soon established a reputation for being built and sold on honor. The business grew, and on an average of once in two years since then it has been necessary to enlarge the plant.

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Mr. Carnegie agreed to contribute \$12,500, but later Mr. Eckhart agreed to purchase the ground where the library is now, present it to the city and build the library.

Dr. Lida Leasure, the present county superintendent of schools, who was at that time a member of the library board, wrote to Mr. Carnegie to that effect and received from Mr. Carnegie a reply saying in part: "Let me congratulate Auburn upon having such a citizen as Mr. Eckhart. I should like to shake him by the hand as a fellow worker in a good cause. Happy man, who can console himself through life with the thought that because he lived one little spot on earth has been made better than it was before. I wish him long life and happiness."

It is said by competent authorities that there is probably nowhere to be found a finer nor better equipped library for its size than the Eckhart public library which will stand as a statute to his memory forever. His aim in every stage of construction was to have the best of material, design and workmanship, and he spared no expense in making it so.

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Newbauer learned that the officers were coming and he skipped. Deputy Baltz went to the barn and saw a foot sticking out from under the hay and he dug Mike out and him before Mayor Clevenger at Garrett. This was the third time he appeared in the Mayor's court on intoxication and he got the 11. The fine was \$90 and costs and days at the penal farm where he lay out the fine. He will be in the birds return in the spring.

FORT WAYNE CAFES HAVE CUT OUT SERVING OF DRINK

The cafes operated in connection with the Anthony, Wayne, Heberg and Baltes hotels at Fort Wayne have discontinued the sale of drinks except in their barrooms, as demanded in their licenses, and all diners who wish drinks with the food order are required to go to the bar and make their own purchases and carry them to their tables.

Action was taken voluntarily and without knowledge of an order adopted by the board of safety Friday night and communicated to the chief of police, who issued the order to patrolmen for enforcement Saturday night at assembly. The board also adopted an order which the chief has communicated to the theater at Fort Wayne that hereafter no orchestral dances will be permitted on the stages.

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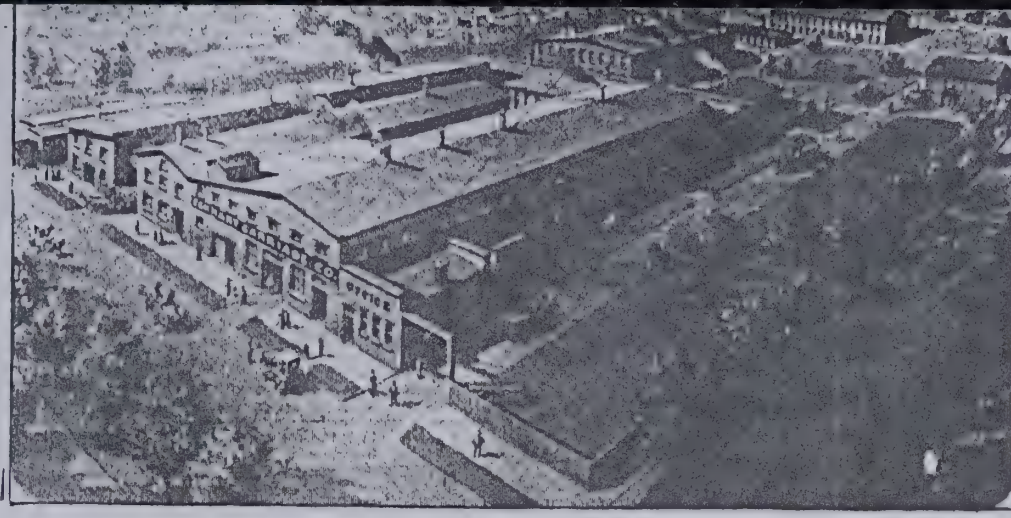
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ECKHART CARRIAGE COMPANY'S FACTORY AND MAIN OFFICE.

The Auburn (Weekly)
Courier
October 16, 1903

One of our leading manufacturing industries, and one which has contributed in no small degree to the industrial development of the city, is the Eckhart Carriage Company. This Company is a co-partnership, composed of Charles Eckhart, President, and his sons, Frank E. Eckhart, Business Manager and Morris Eckhart, Sales Manager. The Company makes a specialty of supplying the trade with the best to be had in the way of light vehicles.

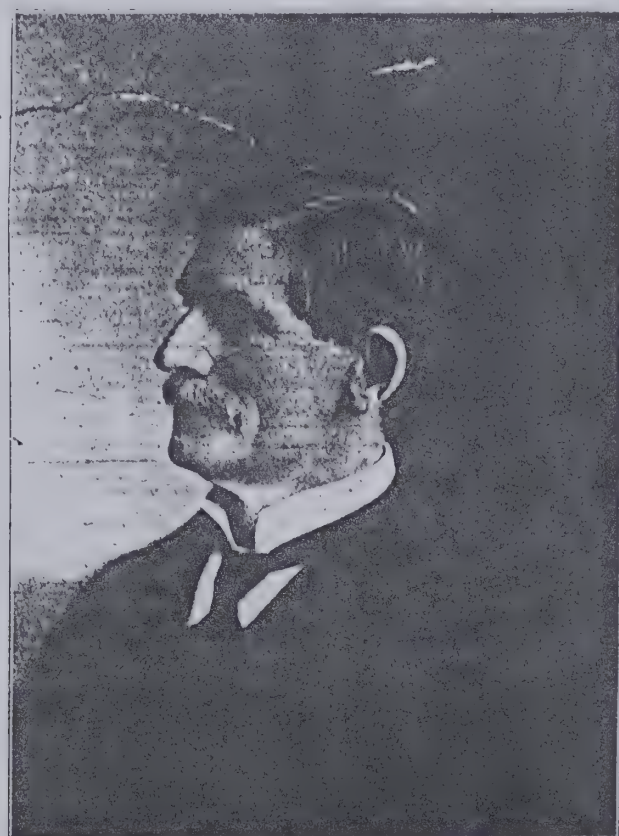
Charles Eckhart, the founder of the Company, was born of German parentage, in Germantown, Pa., Feb. 24, 1841. Beginning at the age of eight, he worked as a weaver in his father's woolen factory until his sixteenth year, when, in consequence of the financial depression of 1857, the mill closed its doors, and he found himself out of employment.

Deciding to learn the trade of a carriage maker, in October of that year, he started away from home on foot, practically penniless, hoping to find a place where he could enter as an apprentice. On the second day of his journey he was successful in his quest, and at once began to learn the trade in which he later acquired such proficiency, in a humble little shop at Hilltown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Here he served as an apprentice until he was 19 years of age, when, having mastered the details of the trade, he purchased the shop, giving unsecured notes in payment, and began to work for himself.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Eckhart disposed of his business, settled up his affairs in full, and enlisted as a private in Company A. of the 104th Pennsylvania Infantry. He served in the historic Peninsula Campaign and was afterward transferred to the Department of the South under Gen. Q. A. Gillmore. He was discharged at Hilton Head, South Carolina, in May, 1863, on account of physical disability. After recovering his health, he re-enlisted in February, 1865, in the 219th Pennsylvania Infantry, and, after nine months' service, was mustered out at Washington, D. C., in November, 1865.

Soon afterward he came West and worked at his trade in Kendallville, Ind. An acquaintance made during a visit at Waterloo, Ind., resulted in his marriage, on October 31st, 1866, to Barbara Ellen Ashelman,

with whom he returned to Pennsylvania where he carried on business in a small way, perfecting himself in all the points of his chosen trade until 1874, when he returned to Indiana and commenced business at the present location of the plant on East Seventh street, Auburn. Here he turned out his first finished buggy in DeKalb county, in 1875, building it in the east room of the residence which has lately been fitted up for



CHAS. ECKHART, PRESIDENT.

the general offices of the Company. That same year a modest little shop was erected on the site of the present plant, 18x24 feet in size, and two stories high. Here was begun and carried on for some time, a careful and prudent business, which, through natural progress due to the constant and paramount consideration of prime material and honest workmanship, stands today as one of the foremost manufacturing es-

tablishments, not only in our own city of Auburn, but in the entire Northern Indiana vehicle industry. In the earlier years of this enterprise, Charles Eckhart was his own Master Mechanic. Being an expert woodworker, painter and trimmer, all-around accomplishments which are all too rare in these days of specialism, he was able, with the services of a capable blacksmith, to turn out carriages which carried in

to work in the shops at an early age, and by their daily labor in the various departments, they have become practical mechanics, and gained knowledge which was to serve them well when they became more prominently identified with the growing business.

In 1896, the sons were taken into partnership, and the business was relinquished to their care, the father still retaining a controlling interest.

Since the erection of the little 18x24 shop in 1875, it has been found necessary to construct additions and new buildings about every two years to meet the needs of the growing business, until at present the plant covers about 60,000 square feet of floor space, with a daily capacity of from 35 to 50 finished vehicles. Continued improvements are being made in the constructive appliances connected with the plant looking toward the betterment of the finished product. The buildings and departments are so situated as to admit of the handling of work through different stages of construction most carefully and economically. The plant is located on the Vandalia railway, having its own private track on which material is received in carload lots, and finished goods loaded in cars for shipment.

The construction of the Surreys, Buggies, Phaetons, Phaetonettes, Stanhopes, Driving Wagons, etc., which composes the line of work of this Company, is under the direct supervision of Superintendent F. S. Kelley, who has had many years of experience in all branches of the Carriage Industry. Each of the four departments is in charge of a Foreman who is an expert in his particular line of work. About 110 workmen are employed, each skilled in the production of some particular part or element of a vehicle.

Besides the Manager, F. E. Eckhart, there is an office force of five persons, also four traveling salesmen who find their task of supplying the trade with the Eckhart line a pleasant and an easy one.

The business as it stands today is the result of the untiring energy and prudent and conscientious management transmitted from father to sons. The finished product is a synonym for style and quality and a summary of the best results to be obtained from a combination of the best material, and honor and workmanship.



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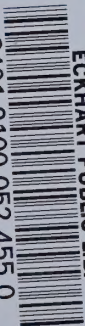
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